Clarissa O: Estrada signed 'Jose Velarde' 15 times

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'Problem with temper, not thyroid'—GMA

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

EXCEPT for a "little" cholesterol problem, President Macapagal-Arroyo was given a clean bill of health in her latest checkup.

At a luncheon yesterday with Palace reporters, the 55-year-old President laughed off a daily broadsheet's report

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Ang quits other posts; a gimmick, says critic

By Carlito Pablo and Gerald Lacuarta

"JUST take it with a grain of salt. It's just another cheap political gimmick, nothing more, nothing less."

This was how a

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Alvarez will be first to get ax in revamp

By Carlito Pablo and Cynthia Balana

THE FIRST to go would be Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez when President Macapagal-Arroyo revamps her Cabinet, a highly reliable Palace source told the INQUIRER yesterday.

"There is very tremendous pressure from the President's people for (Hernando) Perez to step down," the source also said.

Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor would probably be "out." So with Interior Secretary Jose Lina, the source added.

But the only one who can make the changes happen would only say, "Maybe there will be, maybe there will not be."

At a luncheon with Palace reporters, President Macapagal would only confirm she would deliver a major policy speech on Nov. 30.

The INQUIRER report on a pending Cabinet revamp on Nov. 30 has repeatedly been denied in the last few days by Palace officials.

President Macapagal, however, assured members of her official family: "Right now, I have nobody in mind for announcing on Nov. 30."

Ms Macapagal stressed that she didn't give specific dates in order to remove Cabinet officials who might not be meeting their respective performance targets set by the administration.

"As needed, we will change it (Cabinet) and we've been doing that," she said. "If you look at my Cabinet today, it is not exactly the same Cabinet I started with."

Her major policy address will deal with what she intends to do in office for the next six months.

For one, she's set to form a "council of economic advisers" composed of professional economists outside government.

President Macapagal, herself an economist and an academician before entering politics,

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PEREZ: Under pressure to quit

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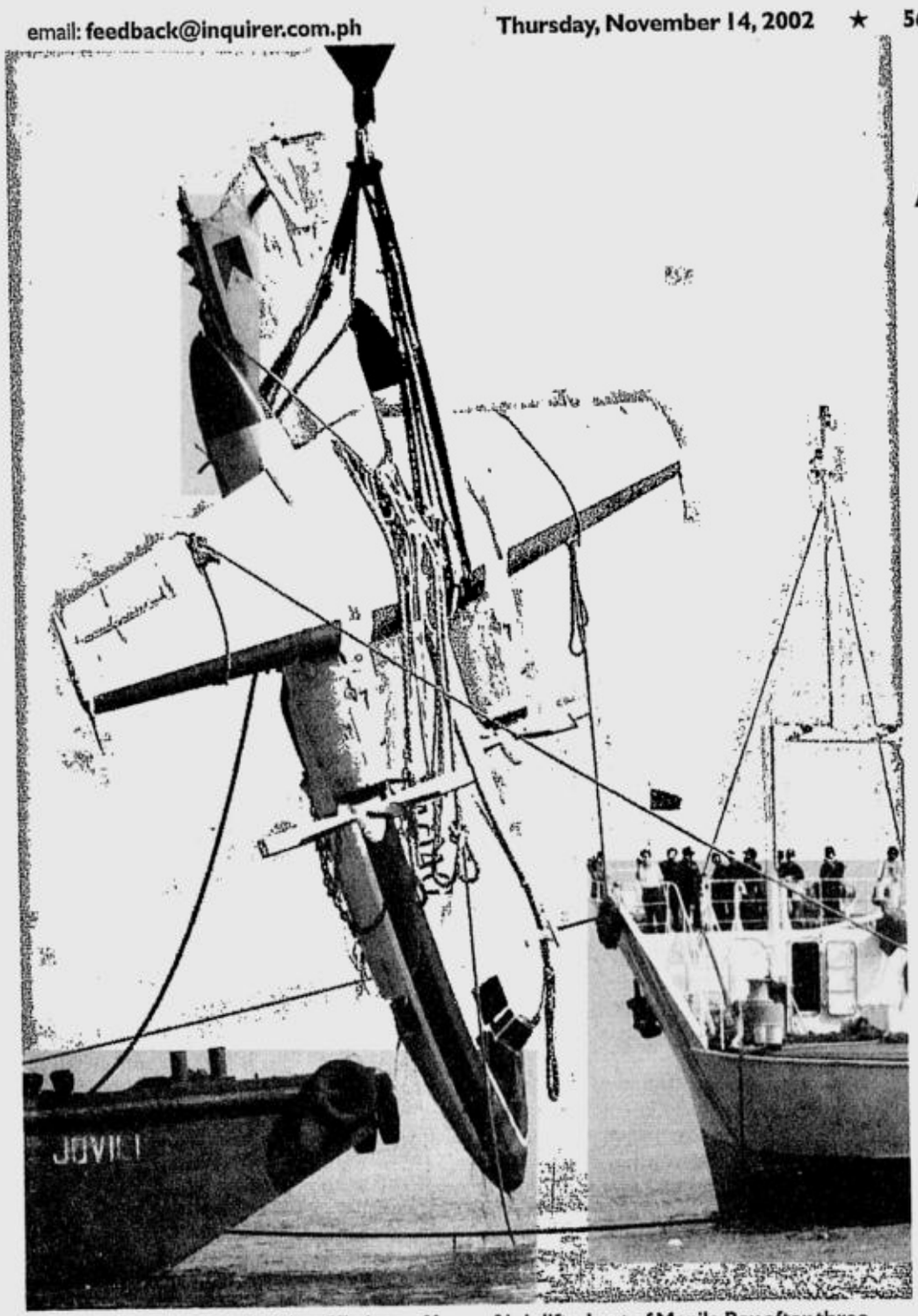

THE OTHER half of the Fokker 27 plane of LaoagAir is lifted out of Manila Bay after three days of salvage operations by the Coast Guard. The rear half which contains the flight data and voice recorder still lies in the waters of the bay. AP

LaoagAir owner's claim of sabotage irks 3 solons

THREE lawmakers yesterday ganged up on Capt. Paul Ng, Malaysian owner of the ill-fated Fokker 27 commercial plane who raised the possibility that saboteurs could be behind the crash.

"That is a serious allegation," said Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos. "He (Ng) should give proof and name who among his competitors he thinks was behind this dreadful incident."

Batanes Rep. Florencio Abad, whose constituents were also among the 19 fatalities in the crash, backed Marcos' call. Both Abad and Marcos have filed a House resolution calling for an inquiry into the crash "to determine the airworthiness of the LaoagAir plane and its compliance with the requirements set by the Air Transportation Office."

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. said whatever the cause of the crash, LaoagAir management would not be able to escape responsibility.

"If the plane was sabotaged, LaoagAir would still be liable for gross negligence. Why did it not implement security measures prior to the

LAOAGAIR/ A17

Lacson tags Perez, says Jimenez witness

By Rocky Nazareno, Michael Ubac and Carlito Pablo

NOT ONLY $2 million but $14 million was deposited in a Hong Kong account of the "million-dollar man" in President Macapagal-Arroyo's Cabinet.

This was according to opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson during an interview over dzBB yesterday in reaction to the privilege speech delivered by Bulacan Rep. Willie Villarama on Tuesday that a Cabinet official received a $2-million bribe to approve a power contract.

"So the question now is, where is the rest of the $12 million?" Lacson said.

"Most unfair," Justice Secretary Hernando Perez said denying that Villarama was referring to him as the "million-dollar man."

"When election time gets nearer, expect more of these to come against anybody. Sadly, it's part of our political life," said Perez who claimed he has no plan to run in the next elections.

While Villarama did not name the Cabinet secretary involved in the payoff, Lacson during the radio interview and in a budget hearing of the justice department last year identified Perez as the Cabinet secretary who accepted a multi-million bribe in exchange for the signing of the energy deal with Argen-

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PLDT: No deal between phone firm and Imelda

By Donna S. Cueto and Abigail L. Ho

PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. yesterday denied involvement in the mysterious P2 billion supposedly paid to Imelda Marcos as settlement of an ownership dispute.

In a statement, the telecommunications giant said PLDT corporate secretary Ma. Lourdes Rausa-Chan had made a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission that there was no deal of whatever nature between the company and the widow of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

"PLDT is not a party to, nor is the company directly or indirectly involved in any settlement discussion, negotiation, or arrangement with, Mrs. Imelda Marcos, then or now," Rausa-Chan was quoted as saying.

Marcos lawyer Armando Marcelo yesterday said the mysterious settlement involved, not the PLDT case pending before the Sandiganbayan, but the aborted

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Clarissa O: Erap signed 'Jose Velarde' 15 times

By Volt Contreras

JOSEPH Estrada's court-appointed lawyer questioned her motives but Clarissa Ocampo maintained eye contact with her inquisitor, always wearing what seemed to be the beginning of a smile.

Wearing a beige suit, the prosecution's star witness took the stand yesterday at the Sandiganbayan after the defense's lengthy questioning of another witness prevented her from doing so at Monday's hearing.

Ocampo, the prosecution's 49th witness, reprised her revelations at Estrada's impeachment trial—that he kept a multibillion-peso bank account using an alias during his short-lived presidency.

She recalled how, in Malacanang on Feb, 4, 2000, the then President signed "Jose Velarde" 15 times on documents she had prepared loaning P500 million from the "Velarde" account to the Wellex Group Inc. of "plastics king" William Gatchalian.

Under Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo's direct examination, Ocampo said that even before Estrada signed the first document she explained to him "that he was the principal" lending "his funds" to Gatchalian.

She said Estrada "nodded several times" and went on to sign "Jose Velarde" on three copies of an Investment Management Agreement.

She also said the other documents he signed were signature cards, investment guidelines, a directional letter of investment, and a debit-credit authorization.

All these, she said, took place at around 11:30 a.m. at the Malacañang guest house, in the presence of Manuel Curato, legal department head of Equitable-PCIBank; then Palace chief of staff Aprodicio Lacquian; and Estrada's "representative" Fernando Chua.

During her testimony, Marcelo made the 47-year-old Ocampo repeat the line that made her famous: "I was a foot away" from Estrada during the signing.

Defense counsel Prospero Crescini made full use of his booming voice during Ocampo's cross-examination.

Crescini confronted Ocampo with a report that came out in the INQUIRER five days after her testimony on Dec. 22, 2000. The report said the

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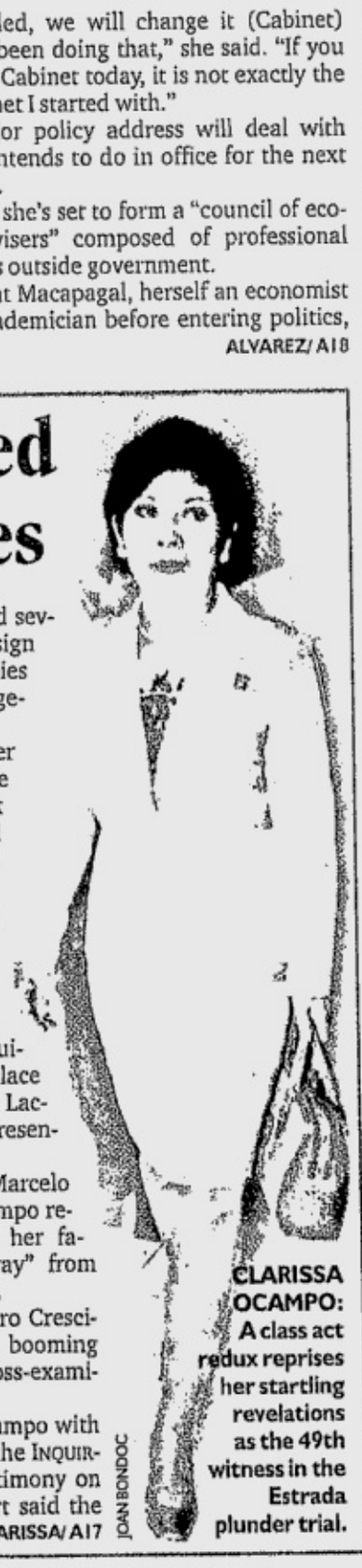

JOAN BONDOC

CLARISSA OCAMPO: A class act redux reprises her startling revelations as the 49th witness in the Estrada plunder trial.

US cops arrest Pinoy linked to 31 sex attacks

LOS ANGELES—Police said Tuesday they had arrested a Filipino drifter in connection with 31 sexual assaults on women in Seattle, Long Beach, Los Alamitos and Huntington Beach during a terrifying six-year crime spree.

Mark Rathbun, 32, was arrested Sunday and tagged as the so-called "Belmont Shores rapist" who had been stalking the Los Angeles area since 1996. Police said the suspect would enter a victim's home while nude or clad only in underwear, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Police said DNA evidence from a dozen of those attacks matched DNA obtained from Rathbun after the most recent attack in Long Beach last week.

"We learned that DNA evidence provided by Rathbun showed a unique (genetic) marker indicating that he was in fact the suspect that we were looking for," AFP quoted Anthony Batts, police chief in the greater Los Angeles area of Long Beach, as saying.

"He was linked to 12 rapes in the southern California area," he added.

Police first took Rathbun into custody last Thursday shortly after a woman fought off a masked man in her home and bit his hand.

Minutes later, police stopped Rathbun as he was riding a bicycle three blocks from her home. He was released on bail, but was rearrested at home on Sunday

US COPS/ A18

How La O got her young man

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

JOEL VALDEZ

TAFT, Eastern Samar—"We were the last to know."

So said Juliet Valdez, 52, of the romance between her son, Joel, 25, and movie actress Elizabeth Oropesa, 48, which culminated in a wedding on Friday at a private beach resort here.

Juliet said that while almost everybody in Taft knew about the affair, "we did not know that he

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FORECAST: Mindanao including Palawan will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.
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Drilon to stay as Senate chief, for now

By Cynthia D. Balana

SENATE President Franklin Drilon will stay in his position until next year if Sen. Renato Cayetano fails to return to the country from the United States by next month or unless a new majority emerges.

This was the growing consensus among members of the ruling coalition as a result of Cayetano's absence from the Senate.

Cayetano is still in a hospital in Los Angeles for treatment of a viral infection of the liver. According to one senator, Cayetano suffered from hepatitis-B five years ago.

Drilon said that he would honor his commitment to yield the post to Cayetano after 18 months, which will end next month.

The two senators had a "gentleman's agreement" to share the position for a three-year term.

Senate President Pro Tempore Juan Flavier said Drilon would continue in a hold-over capacity until Cayetano returns to avoid a vacuum in leadership.

But Sen. Manny Villar said he hoped Drilon would call a meeting among members of the majority coalition to decide on this matter. He said everybody was hoping for the speedy recovery of Cayetano and eventually, his return to the Senate.

Villar denied reports that he and Majority Leader Loren Legarda were eyeing the Senate presidency.

He said that now, more than ever, is the time for majority members to unite and be strong considering their 13-10 slim margin with the minority.

"To me, there's nothing to aspire for because there is no vacancy, and I don't expect any vacancy to happen," Villar said.

Legarda, too, denied she was interested in the Senate presidency, saying she was satisfied with her position as majority leader.

She said it would be a "status quo" as far as Drilon's position was concerned.

On reports that she was being pushed by some senators for Drilon's post, Legarda said, "I will not allow myself to be pushed. I think I'm okay here. I don't have that much ambition," she said.

Legarda, however, admitted that running for vice president of the country has always been an option for her.

Sen. Gregorio Honasan said that in the event Cayetano fails to come back, Flavier would be a good replacement and a "universal candidate" who can attract votes from the minority.

"We all want Senator Cayetano to come back and we worry about his health condition. That is our primary consideration—for him to be healthy so that he can fulfill his mandate," Honasan pointed out.

"If he is fit enough to assume the Senate Presidency as per the agreement, that's okay with me as long as he can present a clean bill of health" he said.

Sen. Joker Arroyo said he did not sign the so-called "gentleman's agreement" to share power between Drilon and Cayetano because he was a lawyer and that it was illegal. (Drilon and Cayetano are also lawyers).

"But I will still abide by whatever the majority wants. If they want it, so be it," Arroyo said.

But Sen. Noli de Castro insisted that the agreement was "moral."

Legarda said it was obviously an internal agreement, not a legal document, which all but one in the majority signed.

Minority Leader Vicente Sotto III said his group has nothing to do with the Drilon-Cayetano deal.

"We are not involved in that agreement. As an oppositionist, we will always be opposition. In other words, when we see the door open, we will enter," Sotto said.

Sotto said his group was just waiting for the opportunity to invite at least three members of the majority who may be disgruntled.

Asked if he has seen any open door yet, Sotto said, "There is no open door yet. But given the chance, we will enter."

'ONE OF THEIR OWN'

KL submits Angelica's papers

By Michael Lim Ubac

MALAYSIAN authorities have submitted documents to support their claim that Angelica is one of their own.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez yesterday announced that the documents had been submitted to the Department of Foreign Affairs, which was now evaluating their authenticity.

"I have yet to see them," Perez told reporters. He admitted that if the papers were in order, "we have no legal ground to keep her in the Philippines."

The justice secretary said the documents pertained to the citizenship of Angelica's mother, who was initially believed to be Filipino.

PEREZ: No reason to apologize

He said this was now the bone of contention, since the father had been "established and accepted" as Malaysian. If both parents were Malaysian, he said, it followed that the girl was also Malaysian.

And if this was proven, Perez said, the Philippines would have to let go of the girl, who had accused Malaysian guards of rape prior to her expulsion to Sabah in early September.

Although DNA tests conducted by the Royal Malaysian Police had earlier verified the father's nationality, Perez had maintained that Angelica held dual citizenship because her mother was Filipino and that, therefore, "she (could) stay here."

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad and Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar issued separate statements last month that the Philippines should apologize for the girl's having filed charges against the Malaysian guards.

Perez yesterday said there was no reason for an apology.

"We did nothing wrong," he said. "They were the ones who (expelled) her. They should thank us instead for taking care of her."

PEA execs resignation backdated to Oct. 21

By Dona Pazzibugan

ALL seven directors of the Public Estates Authority (PEA) are considered resigned as of Oct. 21, 2002, President Macapagal-Arroyo announced yesterday.

On that day while in Cebu, the President said she would accept the resignation of the entire board, to ensure an impartial probe of alleged overpricing in the construction of the P600 million President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, a PEA project.

But most of the directors, led by chair Ernest Villareal, have refused to tender formal resignations. Director Rodolfo Tuazon, who claims to speak for the board, said they would wait for the results of the investigation.

"No, no, they are already resigned," Ms Macapagal told reporters yesterday. "They're considered resigned."

Asked exactly when the resignations took effect, the President hesitated.

"Was it the moment you spoke (on Oct. 21)?" a reporter asked, to which the President nodded. In fact, she said, when she made the statement, two of the directors had turned in their written resignation.

These were Martin Sanciego Jr., "the most quiet of them all," and Joemari Gerochi, who resigned even before she asked, Ms Macapagal said. The rest have since given "verbal" resignations, she added.

The other directors are Benjamin Carino, Angelito Villanueva, and the one who disclosed the alleged overpricing, Sulficio Tagud Jr.

All seven directors were made to go on leave shortly after Tagud's disclosure.

"We have to make sure the investigation is perceived to be very objective," Ms Macapagal said.

Bakers raise pandesal prices

By Gil Cabacungan

PAN de sal is now P1.50 each.

Ignoring Malacañang's appeal to defer increases, bakers have upped the price of the "poor man's bread" by 50 percent starting Monday this week.

Luisito Chavez, Philippine Federation of Bakers (PFB) vice-president for Luzon, said this was because flour prices have reached the P500 per 25-kilogram bag mark, due to poor wheat harvests in the United States and Canada, the country's biggest suppliers.

PFB, composed of 10,000 big and small bakeries nationwide, reported that since 1995, the pan de sal had sold at P1 each, only because members opted to reduce its size rather than raise prices.

But now, PFB said, bakers could not reduce the bread's weight any further.

Chavez said his group would meet with the National Price Coordinating Council soon to discuss the increases.

Only a few weeks ago, President Macapagal-Arroyo obtained the commitment of the Philippine Association of Flour Millers to keep flour prices steady.

Instant noodles, another flour-based staple of Filipinos, have also registered 25-centavo price increases. Pack leader Payless now sells at P4 per pack.

Camiling is next Army chief

THE FORMER Southern Command chief who was sacked because of the Lamitan siege in 2001 will be the next Army chief.

Sources said Armed Forces vice chief of staff Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling would be taking over the Army chief's post with turnover rites scheduled for today, according to Army sources.

He is expected to assume the position tomorrow, his birthday.

He will replace Lt. Gen. Dionisio Santiago who was earlier named chief of staff, replacing the retiring Gen. Benjamin Defensor effective Nov. 28.

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Consumer groups rap Meralco for PPA hike

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THIS, too, is "terrorism."

Consumer groups yesterday lashed out at the Manila Electric Co. for a 16-centavo increase in the purchased power adjustment (PPA) charges which, they said, was the third such adjustment since the PPA came down to a low of P1.71 per kilowatt-hour in July.

Renato Reyes Jr., convenor of People Opposed to Warrantless Electricity Rates (Power), said in a telephone interview that the increase meant about P302.5 million in additional revenues this month for Meralco.

Reyes said Meralco's PPA charges went up to P2.08 per kilowatt-hour as reflected in its latest bill covering the month of October, from P1.92 per kWh a month earlier.

"This is on top of the 18-centavo increase from P1.75 per kWh in August to P1.93 in September," he added. Reyes said this 18-centavo increase had already translated to P340 million in additional revenues for the distribution giant.

The first time the PPA was increased after the July low of P1.71 was to P1.75 per kWh in August.

"This is consumer terrorism, which has gone unnoticed and unpunished by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), in spite of the government's boasts (that it is) making electricity more affordable," the Power convenor said.

Last month, Meralco officials announced that the PPA would go up by 14 centavos per kWh on account of increases in the selling rate of its suppliers—Napocor and First Gas Power Corp.

The PPA reached a high of P3.30 per kWh in April, before President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered Napocor to reduce its rates by an average of 85 centavos per kWh.

"With the PPA going back to its June level," Reyes warned, "Power is (mounting) another wave of protest actions."

The protests start tomorrow, in time for the ERC's hearing of Meralco's petition for unbundled rates that would result in average rate increases of P1.12 per kWh on top of its current basic charge of P3.40 per kWh.

Serge hits P8-B overpayment to Impsa

By Rocky Nazareno

THE GOVERNMENT will be overpaying Argentinian firm Industrias Metalurgicas Pescarmona S. A. (Impsa) by P8 billion for undertaking the rehabilitation of the Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan (CBK) hydroelectric power plant in Laguna, opposition Sen. Sergio Osmeña said.

"This is monumental, unconscionable and unforgivable," said Osmeña in a statement.

Osmeña said the alleged overpayment was authorized by Energy Secretary Vince Perez and endorsed by National Transmission Commission (Transco) president Asisclo Gonzaga Jr.

Osmeña, who is married to the Lopez family whose firm lost in the bidding for the CBK project, explained that the alleged overpayment came after Napocor allowed Impsa to collect in advance its "capital recovery fees" that should have been collected in 2004.

"We are now paying $4 million a month for something we should pay in 2004 yet," Osmeña said.

He said the government would have to pay Impsa's capital recovery fees for the next 42 months amounting to $168 million or P8 billion.

Osmeña added that a thorough investigation in the anomaly should be undertaken with focus on the complicity of Perez, Gonzaga and other Napocor officers.

Transco, which maintains and operates Napocor's transmission lines, was recently spun-off from the government-controlled energy firm pursuant to the Electric Power Industry Reform Act.

Eid'l Fitr a holiday

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday declared the Islamic holiday Eid'l Fitr as a national holiday.

Eid'l Fitr is celebrated among Muslims to mark the end of holy month of Ramadan, a 30-day fasting period.

Republic Act 9177 says that Eid'l Fitr will now be a regular non-working holiday nationwide.

This year, Ramadan began on Nov. 6.

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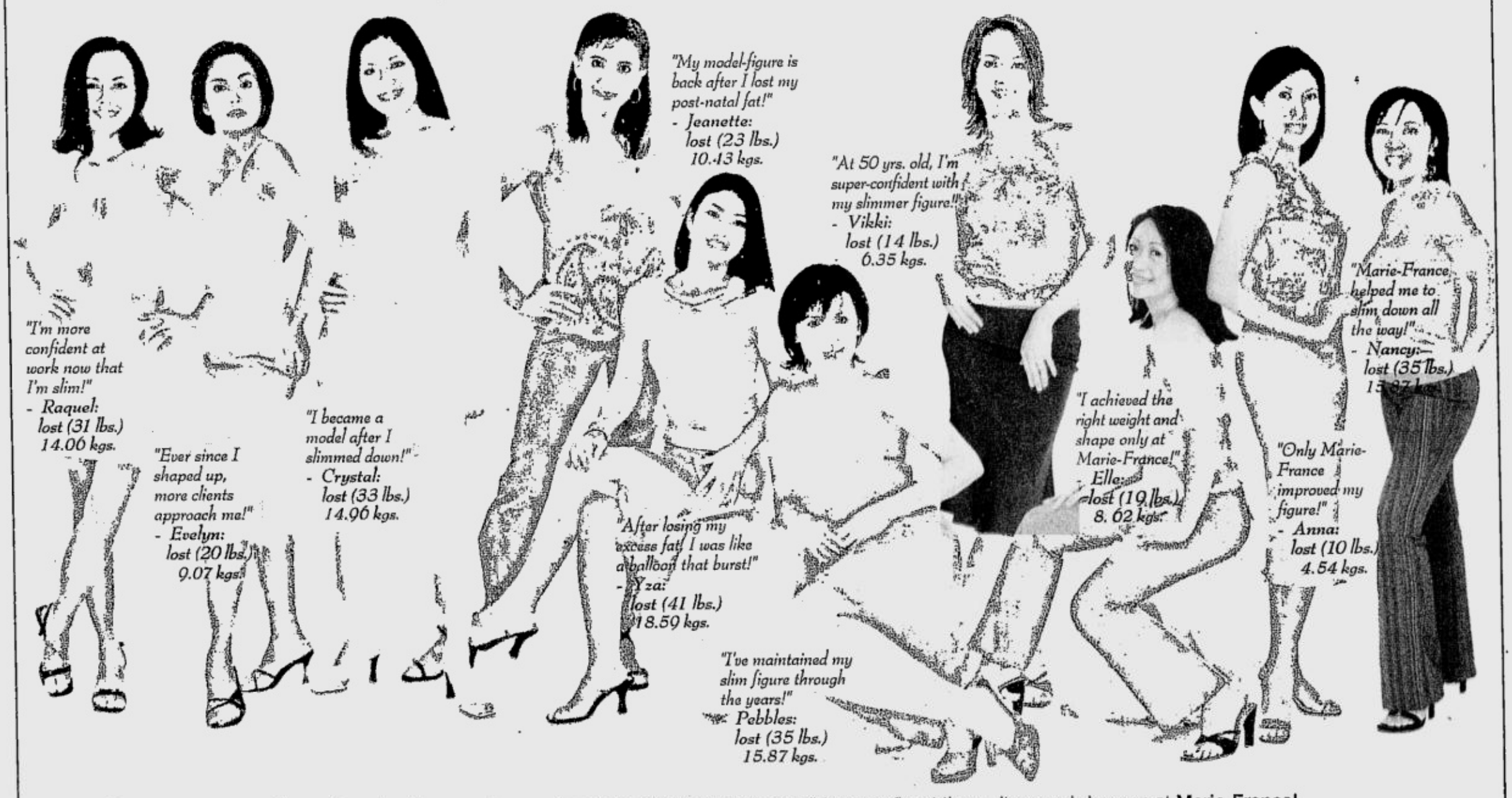

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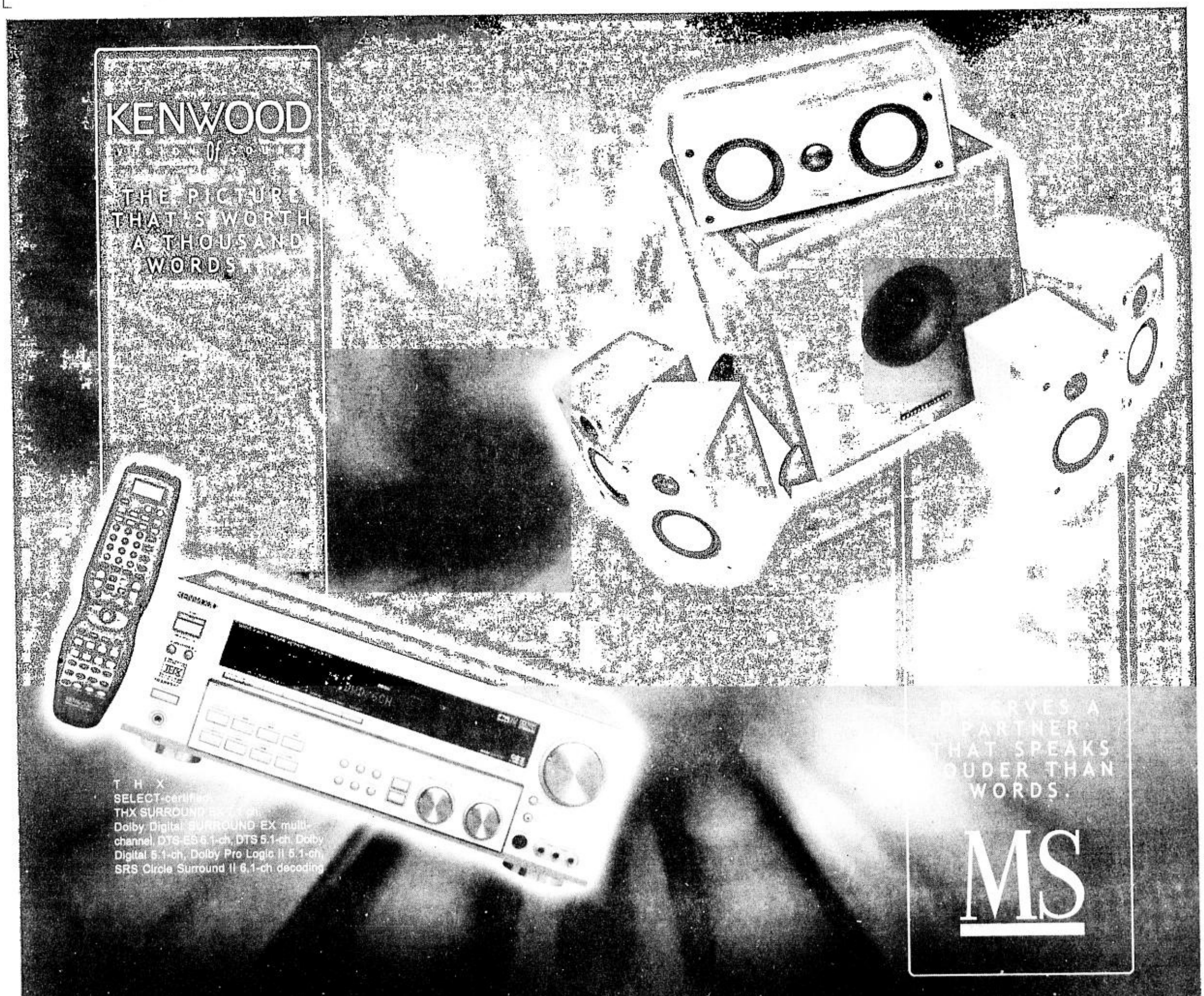

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Suspended chief still holds sway at Lung Center

By A.N. Nocum

THE SUSPENDED head of the Lung Center of the Philippines continues to hold meetings at the hospital, prompting doctors to complain that he still wields influence over the hospital's personnel.

The doctors said the situation gives Dr. Fernando Melendres access to documents that mayl affect the outcome of the ongoing graft investigation against him.

"He continues to exert influence over the employees. We see him around holding meetings," said Dr. Sullian Naval, head of LCP's department of pulmonary medicines.

Malacañang earlier slapped a 90-day suspension against Melendres pending investigation by the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission on charges of alleged graft against him.

The charges include the purchase of hospital materials without bidding and violation of auditing rules.

In a separate phone interview, Melendres admitted that there had been meetings held in his behalf, but he said this is done through the initiative of LCP employees who remain loyal to him.

"Eighty percent of the people here are supportive of me. I cannot stop them from holdings meetings in a bid to help me," he said.

Talks are ripe that Melendres will be replaced by Health Undersecretary Rolando Domingo head of the LCP.

Domingo is the son of Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo.

But Dr. Consortia Quizon, chief of staff of Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit, quickly denied the reports, saying Domingo "is happy where he is."

Besides, she said, there is no vacancy in the Lung Center because Melendres was merely suspended.

She admitted, however, that several people have been lobbying for the post.

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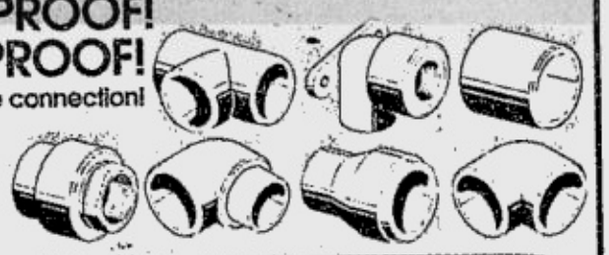

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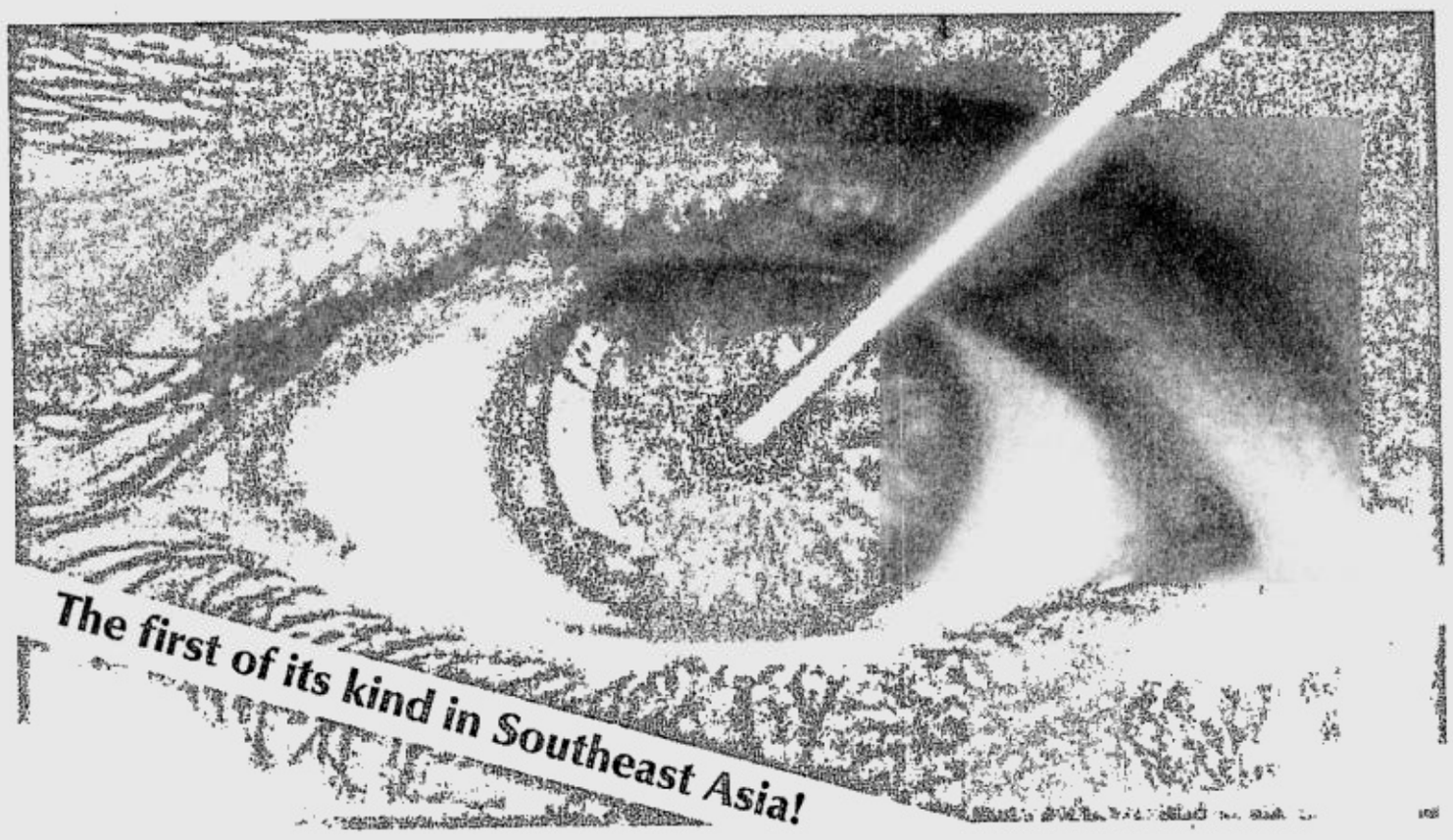

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'Problem with temper ...

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last week that doctors had found a problem with her thyroid.

"No, I'm quite healthy," she said. "I had my annual checkup and the only shortcoming I had (was) a little bit of cholesterol."

She said doctors had found that the slightly elevated cholesterol level from her last checkup was still there, and had advised her to stay away from fatty foods.

On the supposed thyroid problem, this was what Ms Macapagal laughingly said: "I have a problem with my temper, not with my thyroid."

She admitted that she was still trying to fulfill her New Year's resolution to keep her temper in check.

"For my temper, *mea culpa* (my fault)," she said. "I can't blame it on any physical (part of me). It's something I should work on."

Still laughing, the President said her cholesterol was not caused by the headaches given her by the media and even by her Cabinet officials.

She said she would not be able to get some out-of-town "exercise" in the next few months because she would spend most of her time in Manila to keep track of the housing industry, small- and medium-scale enterprises and her other priority projects.

The President is known for her public outbursts.

When she was told during a nationally televised news conference months ago that a government official had said that she was misinformed about a rice smuggling problem, she banged the podium and called the official by cellular telephone to scold him.

In another press conference beamed on nationwide TV, Ms Macapagal called a general to ask if he was involved in a coup being plotted against her.

She also didn't allow threats aired over the radio by Abu Sayyaf bandits to pass without a rejoinder.

After a rebel spokesperson threatened attacks and to harm hostages last year, she gave them an ultimatum to surrender or face "the peace of the graveyard."

She allowed hundreds of US Special Forces early this year to train and arm Filipino troops to better fight the bandits in the country's impoverished South.

Ang quits other posts; a gimmick, says critic

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critic of Dante Ang, the President's longtime ally and private publicist, reacted to Ang's announcement the other day that he was resigning as Palace senior consultant for public relations.

"It's just another merry-go-round drama (of) the President, Ang and other members of the Macapagal circle inside Malacañang," said Fernando Hicap, chair of the Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya).

Yesterday, Ang also announced his resignation as chair and executive officer of the government-sequestered television station IBC-13 and as a board member of the Asian Printing Office-National Economic and Development Authority, a printing office under government control.

Hicap would likely say "I told you so" if he learned that the President yesterday declared that she would continue to seek out Ang for "his insights, his advice, his analysis."

"In public relations, it's good to have many points of view," Ms Macapagal said over lunch with Malacañang reporters.

She said she was not looking for a replacement for Ang.

She said she appreciated Ang's gesture of resigning out of delicadeza because he had been "hogging too many headlines."

"He believes that if a Cabinet official begins to put the President on the spot, then, on his own, he should resign out of delicadeza," she said.

"I think it was credible of him to give up his positions in government," the President said of Ang.

Willing to help

In a statement yesterday, Ang said he was willing to continue helping Ms Macapagal, whom he has served since 1993 as, according to him in previous interviews, a "non-paying client."

"As a plain private citizen, I shall continue to make, when so commanded, my humble contributions to President Macapagal and her administration," Ang said.

Ang stressed that he was giving up all his government positions "principally to protect the President and the First Family from undeserved controversies arising from my legitimate business activities."

Ang had resigned as presidential consultant following criticisms regarding the propriety of his recent business acquisitions, including a medium-sized thrift bank, because of his closeness to Ms Macapagal and First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo.

In his statement, Ang said he did not wish his "business interests, which have become a favorite target for the piranhas in media and the political establishment, to continuously cloud my relationship with the President."

"The integrity of the Office of the President is more important to me than my entrepreneurship and my marginal presence in government," Ang said.

Ang said he would continue to help the President "with the national interest always as a guiding principle."

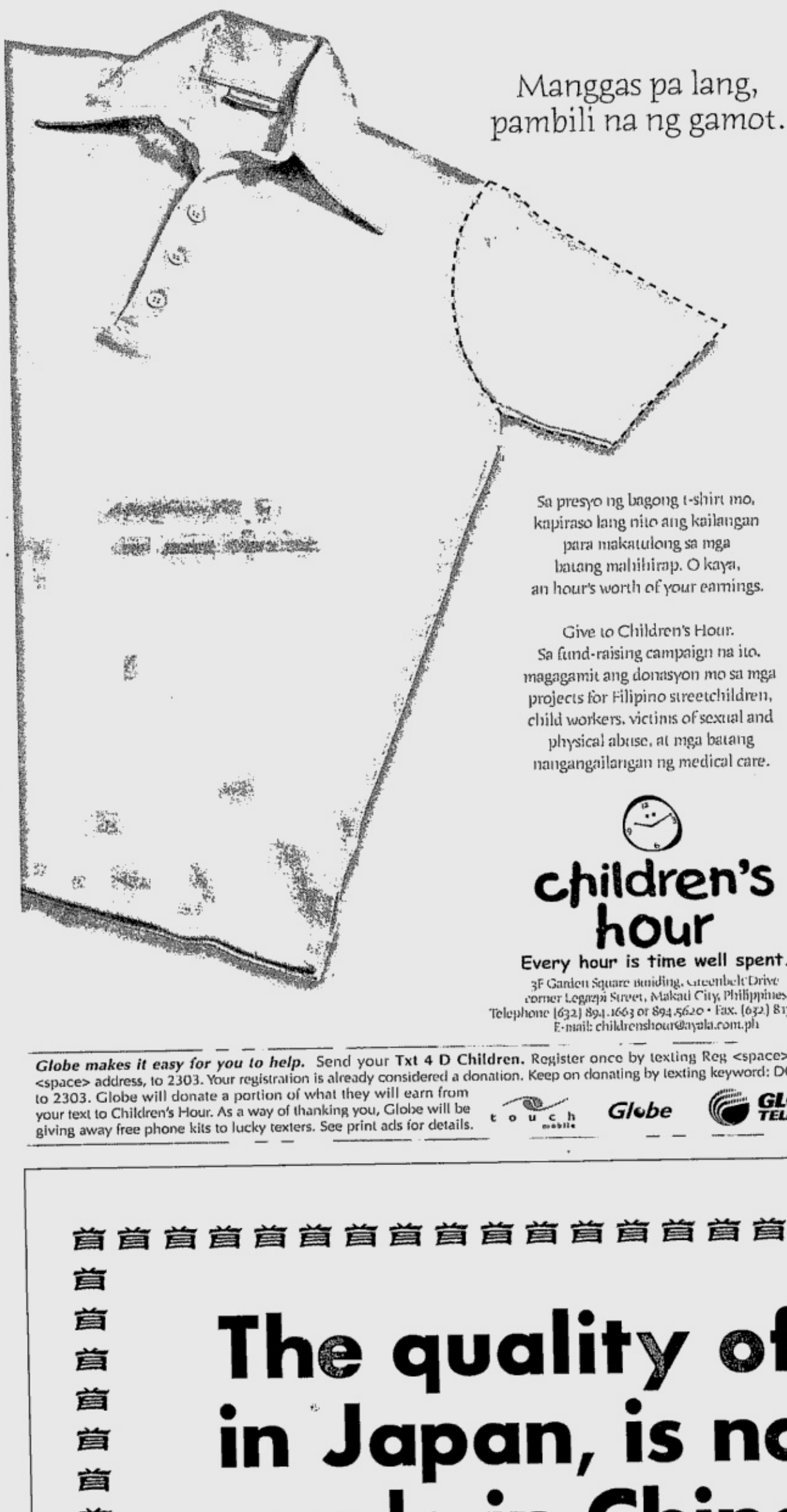
'Official broker'

Pamalakaya's Hicap said that whether Ang was in or out of Malacañang did not matter because he continues to be an influential member of the administration, being the President's "official broker."

"Ang is going to stay as master broker for juicy government contracts that would favor the corrupt (Macapagal) camp. The hype about his resignation will not change his status in GMA's dirty tricks department," Hicap said.

"There is a hairline difference between his resignation as presidential consultant and his appointment as key person to (Ms Macapagal's) campaign bid to become a back-to-back president in 2004," he added.

Hicap was referring to Ang's appointment in May as leader of the President's political party, the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi).



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How La O got her young man

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was seeing Elizabeth or she was already his girlfriend."

Elizabeth and Joel started seeing each other in July this year. But it was only on Sept. 22 that the Valdez family learned of the relationship when Joel brought Elizabeth home to Taft—in Eastern Samar, not in Manila—to introduce her to his folks.

The two informed the Valdezes that they were getting married.

Resort rites

And on Nov. 8, just as the sun was going down at dusk at the Gagagala Beach Resort here, the two exchanged marriage vows in a ceremony witnessed by more than 1,000 people.

Juliet told the INQUIRER that she cried when she learned that her son was seeing Oropesa.

"I cried because at first I cannot imagine that he is in love with someone who is older than him," said Juliet who is four years older than Elizabeth.

When the initial shock wore off, she said, she accepted Elizabeth as a member of her family. In fact, the actress now calls her "*Nanay*."

She stressed she has nothing against Elizabeth whom she admires as an actress. In fact, she watches the actress' daily soap opera.

Joel is the youngest of Juliet's three children. The oldest, Maria Nalyn, 34, is a nurse who works at the Taft Municipal Health Center. Alex, 32, manages the family-owned general merchandise store at the town's commercial center. Both are married.

Good looks

Joel, who stands five feet-eleven inches, finished high school at the Taft National High School in 1994 and left for Manila to study. He took up Physical Therapy at the Fatima College.

Juliet said her children got their good looks and fair complexion from their father, Perfecto, a Chinese mestizo, who died of a stroke last year.

Nalyn said that when she learned that her brother was dating Elizabeth, she did not mind it at all.

"Well, he is extremely good-looking and even an actress and as beautiful as her, could be attracted to my brother. I thought it was just you know a fling thing on the part of Beth. But later on, I felt that they were having a deep and serious affair," she told the INQUIRER.

She said she was not surprised when the two announced that they would get married.

"Yes, we're proud of her. She is not just your ordinary film actress; she is well respected in the industry," she said of her new sister-in-law.

"She is also good to us. She treats us so well," she added.

What about their 23-year age gap? "It's fine with me so long as they love each other," Nalyn said.

Miguela Pico, a paternal aunt, told the INQUIRER that she too was "very happy" that her nephew has found "a woman who loves him."

Not show biz people

What is their wish for the newly weds?

"We told them to make a go of their relationship. This is no longer show biz; this is for real. We also hope that they will last," Nalyn said.

She said the Valdez family asked Beth to treat Joel well. "*Diri kami artista* (we're not actors)."

"Of course, *Nanay* asked for an *apo* (grandchild) from them. Beth promised that they will work on it," she added with a laugh.

This is Elizabeth's second marriage and Joel's first. However, Joel had a 19-year-old girlfriend who belonged to a very prominent family in Taft.

"She left for the States when she learned that Joel was getting married to Beth," Nalyn told the INQUIRER.

Elizabeth and Joel met in one of the gyms in Greenhills, San Juan, where Joel works as an instructor.

Nalyn said Elizabeth made all the planning for the civil wedding, from the date of the rites, preparation of the papers (birth and baptismal records, etc.) to deciding the motif (which was powder blue) and the wedding give-away (dove made of glass).

A huge crowd showed up to watch the seaside wedding last Friday.

"We had to ask for police assistance to control the crowd," Nalyn told the INQUIRER.

Among the principal sponsors were Eastern Samar Rep. Marcelino Libanan, Pasay City Mayor Peewee Trinidad and Taft Mayor Francisco Adalim.

Taft attraction

The bride wore a single-strap long white gown with a red rose on her left ear. The groom wore a *barong tagalog*.

Nalyn said that as far as she could remember it was the first time that a film actress has ever set foot in Taft, a fourth-class municipality in Eastern Samar named after Howard Taft, a former US president and governor general of the Philippines during the American occupation.

"So it became a common sight that wherever Elizabeth was, people tailed her—either to ask for an autograph, take a picture, shake her hands or just to gawk at her."

With a celebrity now a part of their family, Nalyn said the only drawback is that that they have lost their privacy.

People now mill around their house almost every day, Nalyn said.

Juliet and her children live in a three-house family compound in Barangay Pulangi, some 2 kilometers from town proper.

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Marines storm Zambo police station for jailed comrade

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Some 100 Marine soldiers stormed the Manicahan police station here where a colleague was detained for various charges, including rape and murder.

Only a police investigator, a barangay kagawad and two barangay tanods were manning the police station when the Marine soldiers, reportedly led by a Capt. Giram Aragones, arrived on board a military truck and a V150 tank early Tuesday.

SPO1 Fermin Mendoza Jr., the police officer on duty at the time of the assault, said the Marines demanded the release of Marine First Class Jacob Ambing.

Ambing was arrested in Sangali on Monday evening after residents complained he indiscriminately fired his firearms.

Two 9 mm pistols were recovered from him.

At the police station, authorities recognized him as a police character facing charges of rape and murder before a local court.

They decided to hold him.

On Tuesday, Aragones brought with him soldiers and went to the Manicahan police station.

Mendoza said Aragones was initially civil but was enraged when told that Ambing was not there already.

"They poked guns at me, at the two tanods and the barangay kagawad. They opened the drawers, ripped off the police blotter, destroyed the door of the office of our police chief, they got our shotgun and fired at the cabinet's lock searching for (Ambing's) two firearms. They also ripped off and burned the organizational chart including the visitor's log book," Mendoza said.

Barangay Kagawad Adrisito Canaria, who heads the peace and order committee, described the actuation of the Marine soldiers as "wild."

The soldiers only calmed down when Supt. Mario Yanga, city police chief, talked to Aragones.

Commenting on the rape and murder charges against his subordinate, Aragones replied: "He was already cleared from that."

"The case was dismissed by Judge Jesus Carbon for lack of merit," he said.

Soon after the incident, ranking Marine officials met with police officials.The meeting was tightly guarded and nobody, including the media, was allowed.

Later, Yanga said the issue had been settled and that as far as the police were concerned, "there was no violation committed by the Marine soldiers."

Yanga said what occurred was a simple misunderstanding.

"There is no intention to engage in any gunbattle or encounter," Yanga said.

But Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Narciso Abaya said it was clear the Marine soldiers went too far.

"Of course, that will be investigated. If it warrants punishment, then we will mete (out) the corresponding punishment," he said.

Abaya also issued assurances that similar incidents would not occur in the future. *Julie S. Alipala and Rolly A. San Juan, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Mendoza heads gov't panel in Piatco talks

PRESIDENTIAL adviser on strategic projects Gloria Tan Climaco will not take part in the renegotiation of the $657 million Naia 3 contract with the Philippine International Air Terminals Co. (Piatco).

Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza will instead head the negotiating panel.

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon and Justice Secretary Hernando Perez will be panel members.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said the six-member committee she formed in September to review the alleged "onerous" Piatco contract recommended that a "smaller committee" do the actual renegotiation.

Climaco had negotiated with Fraport AG, the German partner in Piatco, for the Philippine government to buy its shares in Naia 3 for $400 million.

She said Fraport will advance the $400 million loan to the government payable in 15 years with a minimum grace period of three to five years at an interest rate of 6.2 to 6.5 percent per annum.

To cover the loan, Climaco said the government intends to bid out Naia 3.

Malacañang is still not sure if it will allow the opening of Naia Terminal 3 on Dec. 15.

Ms Macapagal said she has asked Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo to study the legal implications.

She said Gordon wants to open Naia 3 on that day, but Mendoza believes other airlines will not come in anyway.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Thursday, November 14, 2002
32nd Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Phlm 7-20
Gospel: Lk 17:20-25

The Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God was to come. He answered, "The kingdom of God is not like something you can observe and say of it: 'Look, here it is! There it is!' See, the kingdom of God is among you."

And Jesus said to his disciples, "The time is at hand when you will long to see one of the glorious days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. Then people will tell you: 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go, do not follow them. As lightning flashes from one end of the sky to the other, so will it be with the Son of Man. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this people."

Commentary

Happy are those able to see in our world the lightnings of the Kingdom's presence! Because Jesus never lies. If we remove our habitual dark glasses through which we see things with pessimistic eyes, we can discover that presence. Sometimes these are small details in our community or family. Sometimes they are news which appear on television or in the newspapers. But always somewhere out there someone is trying to bring peace where there is war, reconciliation in the midst of hatred, justice amidst exploitation. And above all, love in people's heart. There, God's Kingdom is—among us.

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War clouds

EDITORIAL

THE IRAQI parliament unanimously voted on Tuesday to reject the resolution of the United Nations Security Council demanding that Iraq disarm and readmit UN weapons inspectors. The vote was a tit-for-tat to the unanimous UN resolution that pushed Iraq into international isolation, but the rubber-stamp parliament does not have the last word on the issue.

While rejecting Security Council Resolution 1441, Iraq's parliament gave President Saddam Hussein the mandate to decide. The decision goes to the highest policy body, the Revolutionary Command Council chaired by Saddam. Signals from Baghdad are mixed over whether Saddam would bow to the United Nations. The United Nations has given Iraq until tomorrow to comply with its tough demands, which are no less than an ultimatum, or face what US Secretary of State Colin Powell has called "the most serious consequences." Stripped of diplomatic niceties, rejection by Saddam would be the trigger for war.

The parliamentary vote could be a reflection of Saddam's defiance or a face-saving nationalistic posture before Iraq follows the UN resolution. The delegates lambasted the resolution as a violation of Iraq's sovereignty, saying it was tantamount to "surrender terms." Either way, Saddam now faces the severest threat to the survival of his regime since the 1990 invasion of Iraq by a US-led international coalition.

There are signs that Saddam would follow the resolution. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said at the meeting of the 22-nation Arab League in Cairo that Iraq would be willing to comply with the resolution, which requires Iraq to declare within 30 days all of its programs to develop weapons of mass destruction and to provide inspectors access "anywhere" and "anytime" to sensitive sites, including the seven presidential complexes from which UN inspectors were barred in 1998. Also, the Arab foreign ministers issued a statement over the weekend "welcoming Iraq's acceptance of the return of the international inspectors unconditionally" after it had placed all kinds of obstacles to inspection and ordered their expulsion in 1998. If Saddam honors the resolution, UN inspection teams could fly into Iraq as early as next Monday to begin to apply a more rigorous inspection regime with a stronger UN mandate.

The pressure from the Arab League demonstrates Saddam's international isolation. He had hoped for support from at least some Arab states, but his disappointment was complete when even Syria voted for the UN resolution in the Security Council. The Arabs believe that the resolution within the UN framework is the best way to avoid a war which is expected to have disastrous consequences in the Middle East.

Pressure on Iraq has intensified after the approval of the resolution. Powell warned that it was not "an idle threat" that Iraq faces "the most serious consequences" if it did not comply with the resolution. "If military action comes, the outcome is certain: the regime will be destroyed," Powell said.

Even France, which forced the United States to act within the UN framework in seeking a tough resolution on Iraq, has warned that there would "obviously be a use of force" if Iraq failed to comply with the resolution. The draft resolution, pushed by the United States and cosponsored by Britain, won unanimous approval only after the United States agreed to consult the Security Council in case of non-compliance by Iraq before going to war. As President Vladimir Putin of Russia said, echoing the position of France and China, the resolution was "the result of a compromise that we find acceptable...It does not contain a trigger for the use of force." The Arab states also emphasized the elimination of the automatic use of force which the United States had initially proposed.

With a tough inspection regime, and international pressure, it would be extremely difficult for Saddam to circumvent inspection the way he did after the Gulf war. Any false declaration of his weapons programs, facilities and arsenal could be taken by the United States as evidence of violation to make a strong case for a military attack. Saddam could agree to inspection and show compliance at the beginning. But as he gains time, he could employ delaying tactics, but only at great risk to his country.

Given the rigorous conditions imposed by the United Nations and the risk that Saddam's regime would collapse if he complies, the prospects of war seem high.

The latest on PLRA-Bankwise-Prama mess

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

I GET a lot of queries about the PLRA-Bankwise-Prama Foundation mess, but I can report only on what information I have personally gathered and read. Undoubtedly, many facts of the case still lie hidden which, when exposed, can send a number of people to jail.

In order to get a balanced view of the controversy, we invited the principal characters to the Kapihan sa Manila last Monday for a face-to-face discussion of the problem: J. Antonio Leviste, chair of the Philippine Leisure and Retirement Authority (PLRA); Dante Ang, chair of Bankwise; Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo; Felisberto Verano Jr., lawyer of the Prama Foundation; Rica Mipana, finance officer and Charmaine San Diego, director, both of Prama.

Domingo sent lawyer Jess Santos. Leviste, after confirming that he would attend, had a last-minute change of heart and didn't show up and instead sent somebody else, not to answer questions but just to listen and report to him. Ang begged off, though he called after the forum to ask what happened. He also promised that he will order Bankwise to return to Prama the more than P44 million in pesos and dollars his bank transferred—without its authorization, according to Prama—to the account of Seed Capital, the bank's majority owner. Ramon Collado, president of Prama, is still out on pass (through the kindness of Commissioner Domingo and her lawyer Jess Santos) but he is guarded by BID agents and he cannot move around freely.

Obviously, there were Bankwise spies in the audience because during and immediately after the forum, certain bank officials were sending text messages and calling lawyer Verano, furious that the Prama people were talking to the media. They wanted the Prama people to clam up so that the media would have nothing to report.

But in reply to questions during the forum, Mipana again denied the claims in the full-page newspaper advertisements of Ang and Bankwise that she had sent letters asking the transfer of Prama deposits to Seed Capital. On the contrary, Mipana stressed, the letter instructed the bank to terminate Prama's placements in Seed Capital and deposit them in Prama's accounts. These were placements—not investments—which matured in February 2002. She emphasized that Prama has no investment, no shares of stock in Seed Capital. The Prama funds were in the nature of money market placements at the suggestion of Bankwise, not Seed Capital, she said.

On the arrest, detention and deportation proceedings against Collado, Verano explained that it all started with his lack of an Alien Employment Permit (AEP). Collado has been president of Prama and consultant of PRA since 1994, without compensation. During all those eight years, he was never told that he needed an AEP. In fact, he was told by PRA chief executive officer Vernette Umali Parco that he didn't need it, according to Mipana.

Collado's Special Resident Retiree's Visa (SRRV) was cancelled on the basis of a mere letter of the Department of Labor and Employment that Collado "did not apply for nor was issued an AEP." He was never asked to give his side.

This lack of AEP was the excuse to cancel Collado's SRRV which made him, technically, an "undocumented alien" subject to deportation. However, neither the PLRA nor the BID can cancel the SRRV. Only the Department of Foreign Affairs can do that. Section 2, Rule IX, Rules and Regulations Implementing Executive Order No. 1037 says: "The Special Resident Retiree's Visa of the resident retiree, his spouse and dependents shall be revoked by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs upon recommendation by the AUTHORITY upon discovery of fraud or misrepresentation committed in obtaining the visa or upon commissions by any one of the holders of a Special Resident Retiree's Visa or any other act punishable by existing laws."

It is therefore explicit that neither the immigration commissioner nor the PLRA can revoke the SRRV, Verano said. At most, they can only recommend such revocation, but the power to effectively revoke the visa lies in the jurisdiction of the DFA. The DFA has not done that.

In the petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed with the Court of Appeals, Verano wrote:

"When petitioner inquired from the arresting officer why he was being arrested, he was informed that his SRRV was cancelled by the PRA through a letter sent by it to Commissioner Domingo. Petitioner was never informed or notified about the cancellation of his SRRV. Upon his arrest, he was not given any reason as to why the said visa was cancelled but since his visa was cancelled he had become an undocumented alien and therefore was being arrested for deportation. The arresting officers refused to give petitioner or his counsel any documents relating to the arrest such as the mission order, charge sheet, or copy of the PRA letter."

During the preliminary investigation the day after the arrest, Collado's counsel again asked for pertinent documents. But the hearing officer refused to release any document.

"It is thus clear that respondent failed to comply with the much-relaxed due process requirements in deportation proceedings such as the right to be heard, to the assistance of counsel, and that there be a specific charge sheet against the alien intended to be arrested," Verano argued.

In fact, the whole Collado affair seems to violate decisions, rulings and doctrines laid down by the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in deportation cases.

More of this tomorrow.

Honesty

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

I'VE been thinking a lot about a question the youth asked me when I spoke to them a month or so ago at the INQUIRER-sponsored forum on the challenges facing the youth today. That question was whether activism, of the type that meant taking to the streets, remained a preferable option now.

I answered that different generations faced different challenges, and responded to them differently. In our time, we responded to ours by becoming radicals and turning the streets into a sea of red—not from blood, though occasionally there was that too, but from the banners we flew. I added that though one could still choose that kind of life, I did not know if it was the ideal choice. Or one most kids would want to take today.

I said that this did **not** mean that the youth should no longer bother to participate in collective action when it is warranted. The two Edsas were a case in point, moments in time, or history, which demanded that people take to the streets to oust a tyranny. I was glad, I said, that the youth was every inch a part of those fierce manifestations of sovereign will.

But there are other ways today, I said, by which the youth can participate in collective action. Today's world is different from the one 30 years ago in one fundamental respect, which is that it possesses awesome means of communications. I do not just mean cellular phones, though I agree that text messaging played a great part in the overthrow of the previous regime. Not just in the ease with which people sent messages about where to gather—the swiftness with which the first rally was held a couple of hours after the Senate voted down the opening of the second envelope was breathtaking—but in the "Eraptions" which stoked public derision against the regime.

I mean as well the Internet, which now has the power to bring people together in feverish debate as Plaza Miranda once did. My ardent support for the overseas vote rests squarely on this. Distance is no longer a problem in participating in the affairs of the country. Thanks to the INQUIRER and other media now being online, indeed thanks to the vastly increased volume of electronic correspondence between expatriate and local, Filipinos abroad know as much as the families they left behind what's going on in this country. Perhaps more.

The point is simple: Taking part in social or collective action may now take many forms, not least of them "virtual." The virtual participation of overseas Filipinos on the Erap question had the very real effect of ending his thuggish rule.

Over the past several weeks, however, I have also been thinking a great deal about another option we can take to try to make things better. I did mention it in the forum, but never had a chance to emphasize, or amplify on, it. That is the option of living our own individual lives as honestly as we can. That can be an even louder, and more effective, protest than taking to the streets.

It should be so in a society such as ours, one that tacitly encourages dishonesty. Dishonesty, that is, in the sense of corruption (we admire the corrupt in private even as we revile them in public) and in the sense of not being true to ourselves (we decide according to the demands of our parents, our fraternities, and our *barkada* and not according to what we think is right). The way things are, we can do as much to "change the world" just by living by our own truth as by taking to the streets to stop a tyranny.

It is by no means the easier choice. It is often the more heroic one, entailing as it does going against the grain. You take to the streets to stop a tyranny, you have the safety of numbers. You decide to teach or do outreach work rather than become a doctor, or lawyer, or politician; you decline gifts and blandishments from the people you report or comment on, though your colleagues in media do not, as is the usual practice; you opt to live a simple life, driving an old car and living in a cramped space, because that is all you can afford; and you have the solace only of your convictions.

Easy to say it's easy. Not so easy when you see friends and relatives in Christmas reunions, and they are full of praise for the up-and-coming lawyer who has a new car parked on the driveway and the veteran politician who donated the five *lechons* and is distributing P20 bills to a long queue of kids.

It's not easy, but it can be the more effective protest. In the end, the only way we can really stop corruption in public office, in business, and in the media is for someone to show that it can be done. Or for a critical mass of individuals to show it can be done. Whose honesty will be a judgment on the crookedness of others, whose simplicity will be the indictment of the artifice of others, and whose example will be followed by others like a beacon to boats adrift in a stormy sea.

I plead guilty to this concept being bathed in romantic garb, but it is a principle at least that I have lived by, and one that seems to have had some impact on the youth. I do believe, now more than ever, in the power of individual example. Without Hilario Davide to conduct the impeachment trial, I doubt if it would have produced the effect it did. He it was who gave it dimensions of credibility it would not have otherwise possessed. I am also comforted in this wise by Robert Bolt's "A Man For All Seasons," particularly the part where Thomas More asks his king why he should fuss so much about his dissenting view when he was just one minor official among so many, more powerful, others who went along with their king. Henry VIII answers (or words to this effect):

Because an honest man is the most dangerous man in the world.

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Abolish the PRA in recall mechanism

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE 11-2 vote decision of the Supreme Court upholding the eligibility of former Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn to run in the recall election is overwhelming. The SC anchored its vote on the fact that Hagedorn was not in office from June 30, 2001 to Sept. 24, 2002 and was a private citizen after serving three terms as mayor. This was also the same line adopted by Chair Benjamin Abalos when the Commission on Elections ruled en banc last July that Hagedorn's candidacy was valid and legal. Thus, as Puerto Princesa business and civic leader Buddy Mendoza pointed out, the SC decision is as much a victory for Hagedorn as for the Comelec.

Had the Court, thrown out Hagedorn's candidacy, said Mendoza, that would be a slap on the face of the Comelec, especially since Abalos himself supervised the Sept. 24 election. Recall that the proclamation of the winner was stopped by the Court, pending its study of the validity of Hagedorn's candidacy. Last Tuesday, it ordered the Comelec to proclaim him the winner.

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The key words in the recent SC decision are "regular election" and "fourth consecutive term." The Court stressed that Hagedorn's continuity of service as mayor "was involuntarily interrupted" from June 2001 to Sept. 24, 2002. Thus his new term starting on Sept. 24 cannot be made to "retroact" to June 30, 2001 to make a fourth consecutive term, as "factually the recall term is not a fourth consecutive term."

Since the issue of Hagedorn's eligibility came up, many legal luminaries have opined that such a term is part and parcel of a fourth consecutive term, which is prohibited by the Constitution, no matter if it begins in the middle. Among these luminaries were Joaquin Bernas of the Ateneo Law School and his nephew, Jose Bernas, Namfrel legal counsel.

But of course, such is our system that the Supreme Court ruling must prevail. The loser in the recall election, Mayor Dennis Socrates, is entitled to file a motion for reconsideration, but it is doubtful whether he would do it since the decision was very decisive.

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This column is quite disappointed and sad about this landmark ruling. I argued several times that apart from the obvious fact that a recall term was part of the fourth consecutive term prohibited by the Constitution, if the SC upheld the candidacy of Hagedorn, it would create a dangerous precedent. It would mean that all that a three-termer who wants to stay in power beyond his three terms should do is manipulate or bribe the barangay chairmen who make up the Preparatory Recall Assembly (PRA) to institute recall proceedings against his successor and then run in the recall election. This would allow him to get around the constitutional prohibition against serving more than three consecutive terms.

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This new ruling could create more political instability around the country since many three-termers could be encouraged to initiate recall through the PRA. Obviously the high magistrates proved a bit too insensitive to the political implications, including creating more instability around the country. They were obviously moved by fear of trouble in Puerto Princesa if Hagedorn were not allowed to serve as mayor than upholding the spirit of the Constitution.

Interestingly, the two magistrates who dissented from the majority opinion, Chief Justice Hilario Davide and new Justice Adolf Azcuna, were both members of the Constitutional Commission of 1986 that drafted the present Constitution. With their vote, they obviously stressed the charter's intention to bar any election that will put into office an official who had served for three terms any time during the succeeding three years. But their 11 colleagues, led by ponente Justice Antonio Carpio, were not impressed by their being members of the ConCom. Instead they argued that the prohibition applied only to the "immediate election" after the third term and not to the recall election.

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Many political observers now feel that in order to minimize the disastrous consequences of the SC Hagedorn decision, it is now imperative for Congress to abolish the PRA as it is a recall tool that is too easy to manipulate by unscrupulous politicians. The thing now is to work for the return of the recall initiative to the electorate, which was the intent of the Senate in its version of the Local Government Code, until the House inserted the second recall mechanism, the PRA. In the Senate version, recall could be initiated by a vote of 25 percent of the electorate, but the House came up with the PRA involving barangay chairmen, as it felt that the first mechanism was too costly and difficult.

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Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda recently wrote this column to say that she was all for the abolition of the PRA. She pointed out that during the opening of the 12th Congress, she filed Senate Bill 600, seeking to amend the Local Government Code by striking out the PRA and restoring the exclusive power to initiate recall proceedings to the registered voters. Legarda stressed that recall, as an alternative, "preserves the will of the people in governance and policymaking," thus, it is imperative that such power "not be abused by partisan local political leaders" in the PRA.

Senators Edgardo Angara and Aquilino Pimentel have joined Legarda in the move to amend the Code, and after the Supreme Court ruling, it is expected to snowball in the Senate. It should be noted here that Chief Justice Davide has consistently held that the PRA as a recall mechanism is unconstitutional. But whether the senators move to amend the Code will find support in the House is another question.

Ball is in Saddam's hands

NEWS ANALYSIS

Samia Nakhoul

BAGHDAD—Iraq's parliament unanimously rejected on Tuesday a United Nations vote calling on Baghdad to disarm but said President Saddam Hussein will have the final word.

Washington branded the vote pure theater and said it would wait for the decision from Saddam, who holds the real power in Iraq. Saddam has just until Friday under a UN Security Council deadline to accept the toughly worded resolution or face "serious consequences."

Members of the 250-seat parliament railed against the US-drafted resolution as a violation of sovereignty and a pretext for war, before leaving the final word to Saddam, who analysts say makes all key decisions in Iraq.

"There isn't anybody that takes the voice of the Iraqi parliament seriously," US National Security Council spokesperson Sean McCormack said. "There is only one voice that matters in Iraq under the regime of Saddam Hussein, and that's Saddam Hussein."

Speaker Saadoun Hammadi said parliament had unanimously voted to reject the UN demands, approving a motion which a senior deputy read out at the session's end.

"Parliament recommendations are to reject the UN resolution in accordance with the opinion of our people, who put their confidence in us, and authorize the political leadership to take the appropriate decision to defend Iraq's independence, sovereignty and dignity," the deputy said. "Parliament authorizes President Saddam Hussein to take the appropriate decision and will stand by our leadership in any decision it takes."

The final say on Iraq's acceptance of the resolution rested all along with the Revolutionary Command Council, Iraq's highest authority led by Saddam.

Saddam's trusted son Uday, a member of parliament, earlier in the day urged the assembly to accept the UN resolution at its emergency session, which began on Monday. "What is required from us as a national assembly is to take clear decisions. We should, as a national assembly, accept the UN resolution," he said in a working paper sent to the assembly on Tuesday. "This does not necessarily mean that we're surrendering to America because for us our conflict with America will continue for the next 20 years due to our ideological, religious and fundamental differences with them."

Analysts said the mixed signals from parliament and Uday were designed to give a flavor of democratic legitimacy to Iraq's autocracy as well as allow the assembly to vent widespread popular anger against the United States.

With the clock ticking toward the Friday deadline, many analysts expect Saddam to accept the terms of the UN text. The analysts said parliament's two-day forum was aimed to address an international audience as well as to put on record for Arabs Baghdad's defiance of the United States and its misgivings over the UN resolution.

Hammadi denounced the tough UN text, which gives UN arms experts sweeping new rights and Iraq 30 days to submit a detailed list of its weapons, as an attempt to provide international cover for a US war on Iraq. "This is a preparation for war against our country. We have to be ready for all cases. The resolution puts provocative requirements which are very difficult to implement," he told reporters.

The meeting was called after the 15-member UN Security Council voted unanimously on Friday in favor of a US-drafted resolution, demanding Baghdad allow UN arms experts unhindered access to any site suspected of producing chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, or face the consequences.

In US eyes the consequences mean a war to oust Saddam. On Monday President George W. Bush made clear he would use the full force of US military might to make Iraq comply. "The dictator of Iraq will fully disarm, or the United States will lead a coalition and disarm him," Bush said.

Bush described the disarmament campaign against Iraq as part of the US war on terrorism launched after the hijacked airliner attacks on the United States on Sept. 11 last year.

No link between Iraq and the al-Qaida group held responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks has been established.

"Should military action become necessary for our own security, I will commit the full force and might of the United States military, and we will prevail," Bush said.

Disarmament inspections first started after Iraqi forces were expelled from neighboring Kuwait by a US-led coalition in the 1991 Gulf War. Inspectors withdrew in 1998 in a wrangle over access to Saddam's palaces.

UN officials said on Monday an advance team of arms inspectors and technicians would leave for Cyprus late on Friday if Iraq accepted the resolution. The team, armed with a list of 100 priority sites, would then try to arrive in Baghdad on Nov. 18, they said.

France, Germany and Russia expressed hope the Iraqi president would accept the UN resolution.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said France would face up to its responsibilities if Iraq violates the resolution. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said his troops would not take part in US-led attacks if Baghdad refused. *Reuters*

Cry Jasmine

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

SOMETHING I wrote here last week that I am glad was an error—that is, it has not happened yet and concerned scientists and farmers are working against its happening—is Thailand's Jasmine rice getting patented in the United States. The threat against this fragrant grain has given rise to a controversy that is far from over.

According to the publication Watershed, in November last year, hundreds of farmers from northeastern Thailand protested against attempts in the United States to genetically modify Thai Jasmine rice for planting by US farmers. The farmers expressed grave concern that if the new Jasmine variety were grown in the United States, the livelihood of thousands of Thailand's farmers would be threatened.

Sympathetic groups also rallied in front of the US Embassy in Bangkok and demanded an end to US attempts to patent and cultivate the new variety. This patenting brouhaha arose from news that US researcher Chris Deren had developed a new strain of early maturing Jasmine rice that needed little sunshine, was short in height and easy to harvest by machines and therefore could be grown in the US flatlands.

Deren admitted he got the Jasmine seeds (Khao Dawk Mali or KDM105) from the gene bank of the Philippine-based International Rice Research Institute in 1995. God knows what other seeds foreigners have acquired from IRRI. NGOs have denounced IRRI for failing to protect genetic material from its gene bank. This was, in fact, one of the issues raised by concerned groups during the IRRI-related conference held here two weeks ago. We wrote about this in last week's column.

Jasmine rice has a big market in the United States. The United States is Thailand's biggest importer of this variety. The volume that goes to the United States represents about 25 percent of Thailand's Jasmine exports and 75 percent of the United States' global rice imports.

US-produced Jasmine rice would certainly have an edge. Wintoon Lianchamroom from Biothai, an NGO involved in biodiversity issues, said that the United States has all the advantages such as large-scale farming and efficient crop harvesting methods. Operating costs are lower in the United States and therefore US farmers could produce cheaper rice. US producers had already shown interest in the new strain.

But there's more to cry about than just losing export market share. There is something more threatening, said Dr. Chakrit Kuanpotte, an intellectual property rights expert. If the US patenting succeeds, all Jasmine rice brands from Thailand would be taken off the market because of possible lawsuits filed by the patent owner. This creature could also seek similar protection in other countries where Thai Jasmine rice is sold. You get the picture.

Deren denied having plans of patenting the rice variety he's working on, but this does not guarantee that some other entity would not file for a patent. Deren works for the US Department of Agriculture's "Stepwise Programme for Improvement of Jasmine Rice."

So how did Jasmine rice seeds kept in IRRI's gene bank get out? IRRI has denied involvement but admitted that some of its researchers might have given them to Deren without formally notifying the Thai government and the seed donor. Is this not theft?

I have learned that anyone who requests germplasm from IRRI must sign a Materials Transfer Agreement which compels researchers to inform, consult and negotiate with the country where the seeds came from. In the case of Jasmine, Watershed reported, IRRI, Deren and the US government did none of these.

Established in 1960 and funded by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, IRRI in Los Baños was established to find sustainable ways of improving the lives of farmers and consumers. Its rice gene bank has more than 86,000 rice strains collected from around the world. Material from about 5,500 rice varieties from Thailand are stored in IRRI's bank, making Thailand among IRRI's biggest donors. IRRI's host, the Philippines, must have thousands there too.

In "Bioprospecting: The Case of Jasmine Rice," Witoon Llianchamroom asks: Is IRRI a benefactor of mankind or an accomplice of profiteers? So far, the author says, IRRI has used KDM105 or Jasmine rice for nearly 5,000 crosses and has distributed the original seeds to over 20 countries. Research samples of Jasmine rice seeds are supposed to be held for safekeeping by IRRI under a trust agreement with the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization. The agreement prohibits intellectual property claims on any "in trust" germplasm.

India and Pakistan were unlucky with their Basmati rice, also a fragrant variety that has gained commercial success like Jasmine. "Made in the USA" Basmati rice varieties are now being sold after RiceTec got a patent on Basmati-based varieties. This sparked protests that forced RiceTec to reduce its claims. However, the company could still have a monopoly on the varieties it has derived from Basmati. (Someone got around with Jasmati.)

The name Jasmine rice or KDM 105 was derived from the phrase *khao dawk mali* which means "white as jasmine flower."

Jasmine. A beautiful name, a fragrant bloom, simple and exquisite in its whiteness. Asian mystics have used it to allude to the divine. Mahadeviyakka swoons: "Not seeing you in the hill, in the forest, from tree to tree I roamed, searching, gasping...You hide lest I seek and find. Give me a clue, O lord white as jasmine, to your hiding places."

Golden. The Good Shepherd Convent in Baguio where you buy your favorite jam and bread just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Your purchases have supported thousands of very poor students who have worked there over the years and other Good Shepherd ministries among the last, the least, the lost.

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Unwanted

YOUNG BLOOD

Tina Pastelero

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

WHEN I finished one of the hardest programs in one of the country's top universities, I knew I wouldn't have a hard time finding a job. So far I've gotten my fair share of interviews and job offers.

Recently I decided to apply to a government agency, because I was interested in what they do and thought that there might actually be a place for me there. I'm far from being a wide-eyed idealist who graduates from college thinking she can change the world. I decided to give the public sector a try because I believed I would be able to contribute the skills and knowledge I learned from top educators to improve the very screwed-up system in place, albeit only minimally at first. In return, I would get the kind of experience that graduate schools will be looking for when I start applying several years down the road. At the very least, I'd be able to find out for myself whether all the rumors about government corruption and inefficiency were true or not.

I thought government agencies would actually be receptive to having an interested applicant from the nation's top (in my opinion) university, with a Mensa-certified, genius-level IQ to boot. I was completely shocked and appalled, however, by the way I was treated by the official who interviewed me.

His overall demeanor and attitude toward me made it obvious that he saw no place for me in their office, especially because I came from a private university and lived in a wealthy neighborhood. He sneered that my allowance was probably bigger than anything I would ever earn working for the government.

The fact is, I'm not out to grab a high-paying job at this point in my life. (If I were I would have signed up for a call center a long time ago.) I would die from boredom, however, if I stayed at home and watched my brain atrophy. I got used to doing an insane amount of work when I was in college and the new slow-paced, lah-di-dah life of unemployment was driving me insane. Still, I thought it was a low blow to bring my financial status into the conversation.

The official asked me the question that is taboo in most other countries: Do I have a boyfriend? I thought it's stupid and irrelevant to ask this in a job interview, but I answered so I that I wouldn't appear antagonistic.

When do I plan on getting married? Again immaterial, but I managed to say, "Not for a while."

"Not until he can afford to build you your own mansion?" he suggested under his breath.

I ignored his snide comments and tried to answer his other questions as best as I could. But in the end, I regretted staying tight-lipped in the face of his obvious bias against me.

If he wanted me to apologize for being better off than most other people in this country, I wasn't about to. I just thought it disgusting that all my motives were questioned and placed under a microscope simply because I was doing something as "unusual" as applying for a job in the government.

Given the condescension with which my interviewer dealt with me, I wonder if the government ever gets to hire any good candidates for a position at all.

People wonder why not very many young, bright graduates of the country's top universities don't choose to work for the government.

I know the answer: They don't want us.

Tina Pastelero, 21, graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with degrees in Management Engineering and Communication.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . .?

Hotel man's murder

ON MAY 17, 2001, New World Hotel chief steward Fernando, his 17-year-old daughter Clarissa and the latter's friend Marianne Uson were shot by gunmen who were later identified as members of the PNP Intelligence Group as they were cruising in their car along Araneta Avenue in Quezon City. The elder Lozada and Uson were killed, while Clarissa survived.

The PNP Intelligence Group was reportedly there to catch the kidnappers of Mark Harris Bacalla who had arranged for a payoff in the vicinity.

On Nov. 14, 2001, the deputy ombudsman for the military filed two cases of murder and one for attempted murder with the Quezon City regional trial court against Supt. Edgar Iglesia, Chief Insp. James Mejia, Senior Insp. Edwin Portento, Inspectors Preston Bagangan, Ceazar Pangda, Christine Tabdi and Police Officers 1 John Bolatin, Arnold Solas, Cheerylyn Tundayag and Frederick Taala. The cases were raffled off to the sala of Judge Mariflor Castillo of Branch 84.

The next day, Castillo sent the murder cases back to the clerk of court. She said her sala, being a family court, should not be hearing heinous crimes that didn't involve a minor. The cases were assigned to Judge Theresa Yadao of Branch 81.

On the date of the second raffle, defense lawyers filed a motion with Executive Judge Monina Zeñarosa, seeking the return of the cases to Branch 84 or an order for another raffle. On Dec. 6, Yadao suspended the hearings until the executive judge resolves the motion.

Anita Calaste, a private complainant in the Uson case, filed with Branch 81 a motion to dismiss on Dec. 14. Calaste said she was convinced that the accused were not the criminals. The court noted her motion but said it could not be acted upon considering the suspension of the proceedings. Calaste nevertheless filed an affidavit of desistance on Dec. 18.

On June 11, 2002, Yadao informed both parties that Branch 84 had ordered that the attempted murder case be sent to her sala to be jointly tried with the two murder cases.

Case status: On Sept. 11, Yadao ordered the public prosecutor to file a comment on the defense's urgent motion for the determination of probable cause on the issuance of warrant of arrest filed on July 5. The motion was set for hearing twice but this was reset because of the absence of either the private complainants, their lawyers or prosecution witnesses. The court was informed that Clarissa was no longer living in the address she had given when subpoenas were sent to her. Calaste is said to be working in Japan. ***Armin P. Adina, PDI Research Department***

How about a handbook for motorists?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WE have always complained of deteriorating traffic conditions in the metropolis in spite of various schemes to ease the situation. The root cause of the problem is lack of discipline. And one reason motorists are so undisciplined is the lack of basic guidelines on road rules and courtesy.

I think there should be an official "Handbook for Motorists" published and sold by the Land Transportation Office. Patterned after the California Driver's Handbook, it should contain all the rules and regulations pertaining to proper driving and road courtesy, complete with illustrations. Everyone who owns a driver's license should have a copy. New applicants must be made to purchase one as a prerequisite to taking the written and practical tests. Those whose licenses are up for renewal must also be required to have their own copies. The purchase should be reflected on their official receipt so that they don't just borrow other people's copy and pass it off as their own. This will give the LTO another substantial source of revenue.

Let's face it, many of us learned to drive from our drivers, fathers, lolos, brothers, spouses, friends, etc. We may have learned driving skills but not the virtues of staying in one's lane or making a signal when going to another; knowing which is the fast lane and how fast you should go; what a stop sign means; who has the right of way; what to do in case you're involved in a vehicular accident; and the list goes on. Even those who had formal driving lessons may not be aware of all the rules and regulations. We are undisciplined not by choice but out of ignorance. The handbook should address this deficiency. It will serve as a handy reference and must be inside the vehicle at all times.

Traffic enforcers should also have their own copies since many of them are also ignorant of traffic regulations. Mulcting enforcers will then be unable to invent outrageous traffic violations since the motorists can argue by referring to the handbook.

If everybody knows all the traffic rules and regulations, there is no reason why we cannot be good, disciplined motorists.

I was informed that the Philippine Motorists Association has a "Motorists Handbook." Maybe the LTO can update it and make it its official publication.

—BART CORONEL,
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Worried over misuse of GSIS funds

THIS has reference to Senate Resolution No. 330 filed by Sen. Edgardo Angara, urging the Senate to investigate the alleged mishandling of trust funds of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS). This involves P1.1 billion which was allegedly lent to the Public Estates Authority to finance the construction of the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard.

If this is true, then we, senior citizens and civil government pensioners or retirees, have reason to be apprehensive because our pension funds have been misused and we can't expect an increase in our monthly pensions which we have been clamoring for for a long while.

If this is true, we have reason to express our resentment against high officials, to which we have entrusted the funds. It is indeed outrageous as well as very frustrating, especially at a time when most of the pensioners receive less than what will keep us above the poverty line.

I think it is time pensioners throughout the country started sending letters to express our sentiments, our disgust and disappointment with the GSIS.

We must be vigilant and assert our rights more and make those who are charged with safeguarding the trust funds aware that we are still here, watching.

—ANTONIO B. BORJA,
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Better ways to express youth's free spirit

AMONG THE SECTIONS I regularly read in the INQUIRER are Youngblood and 2BU. The latter's topic about gays in the first week of November issue, however, did not seem to be in consonance with what 2BU (to be young) is all about. If it was meant to express the free-spirited mind-set of young people, I can say there are better ways of illustrating it.

I look forward to seeing more articles that reflect the high-spirited individuals and groups who are into creative arts, culture, nature and even social responsibility. I know individuals who are very talented but down-to-earth, noble yet very normal and I know there are more of them to write about and learn from.

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'9 Mornings' written by Ton Sison

I REFER to Msgr. Nico Bautista's letter about the movie "9 Mornings" last Nov. 1, 2002. When an expert like him speaks out, people take notice. I am thus compelled to point out errors in his letter.

"9 Mornings" was written by Antonio (Ton) D. Sison, not Tony Miranda. Ton is a theology student but he is not one who dabbles in what Bautista calls Dutch avant-garde theology. The fact is that Ton wrote "9 Mornings" in 1999 while he was in the faculty of the Ateneo de Manila University's Department of Theology and teaching Liberation Theology. At the time he had an MA in Theology, cum laude, from Maryhill and was taking his doctorate at the Loyola House of Studies.

His "Dutch connection" is of recent vintage. He is at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, which the encyclopedia describes as a centuries-old bastion of the Catholic faith in Europe, on a four-year scholarship. His thesis is on theology and film.

I know all these because he is my son. Thus, I request you to correct these errors. It is disconcerting, I would imagine, to be mistaken for someone else and mislabeled as something one is not.

—ANTHONY Q. SISON,
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San Carlos City, Pangasinan

Erroneous slant on labor demand

THIS letter refers to a news article on Nov. 12, 2002 titled "Militants say no to phone cards." The Labor Solidarity Movement (LSM) would like to clarify a few points.

The LSM in a recent announcement, said that it was delaying its annual wage offensive because of the poor economic conditions. In the interim, it made a 10-point demand to the government and employers, which included tax exemptions, housing for workers, accessibility to cheaper medicine, strict enforcement of labor standards, no increases in social security contributions, a halt to increases in power and water rates, and a freeze on prices of information technology services, including cell-phone cards.

We never said we were demanding cell-phone cards in exchange for a wage increase. That is farthest from the truth. Pamalakaya has no reason to overreact. It is unfortunate that the group made a knee-jerk reaction which became a report in one daily and totally disregarded the whole context of the issue.

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Where there was no doctor

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

A FEW weeks back, I wrote about a unique program at the Ateneo Graduate School called Leaders for Health Project (LHP), which allows health professionals to pursue a master's degree while working with communities. The first batch includes 21 doctors who are being fielded in some of the country's poorest municipalities, many of which did not have a doctor for years.

I've had the privilege of working with the LHP. Last August I did a week of daily classes on "Health, Culture and Society" before the doctors went off to their communities, where they were welcomed with parades, complete with banners and baton-twirling and bands. This week it's been another hectic round of daily sessions with them to discuss their experiences, including their evaluation of their communities' needs and resources.

Let me share a composite picture of these towns, if only to remind readers that there's another world out there without malls and medical centers, without cell phones and the INQUIRER.

The communities are small, with populations averaging about 10,000. But small as these rural populations are, they usually involve large households, four children comprising a "small" family. Moreover, the households are dispersed over very difficult terrain. The more fortunate barangay can be reached by jeeps, tricycles or *habal-habal* (motorcycles).

Others can be reached only by pump boat or by *kadilakad* (by foot) but even this accessibility depends on the weather. One doctor told me he had a barangay that you could reach only by river, but if there were strong rains, you couldn't get in because the river overflowed and during the summer, you couldn't get in because the river would dry up.

The main causes of death are surprisingly similar to what you'd find in cities: pneumonia, cardiovascular diseases, tuberculosis, accidents and injuries. I wondered about that last category, then realized that vehicular accidents have become a major problem in rural areas. (Remember that recent accident in a town in Isabela, where a jeepney turned over, with 64 passengers?)

Gunshot wounds also figure prominently among these "accidents and injuries," dispelling the myth of a serene and idyllic countryside. These are communities where people are caught in the crossfire of insurgencies, criminal syndicates, political feuds and religious fanatics. (One of the communities being served by these doctors is a bulwark of the Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association or PBMA.)

These are not just doctor-less communities; many have no nurses, midwives or dentists. One doctor told me she didn't have a medical technologist, which is just as well since she doesn't have money for laboratory facilities. Her town like those of several other doctors does not have a single *botika* or pharmacy, so people are totally dependent on the government health center and charity missions for medicines.

There was a surreal quality to the reports of the doctors. They are serving areas where people attribute their illnesses mainly to witchcraft, to the *wak-wak* and to a menagerie of supernatural ghouls. In one town, people insist they live next to a "mystery city," a parallel world with its own superhighways and gas stations and malls—in other words, everything they don't have.

Children are brought to the health center with crosses painted on their foreheads with lipstick and with shell amulets around their waists. One doctor was so happy when she found out people were using oral rehydration solutions for diarrhea—until she realized this life-saving drink, besides containing sugar and salt, also had pieces of paper inscribed with incantations.

The doctors are exasperated, but I challenged them, "You scoff at the amulets, but don't you bring rosaries around as well, thankful you have them as your pump boat crosses choppy seas?" They laughed, realizing how people's vulnerabilities shape the way they look at the world.

What's striking is that amid such grinding poverty, the communities are in fact terribly rich with resources. The doctors describe vegetables and fruits rotting away, still lush forests and seas with lobster and abalone. Outsiders see the potential, coming in with their trawlers and dynamite and logging equipment. Entire islands are being bought up to be converted into beach resorts.

The communities are changing, with roads, satellite phones and cable TV opening up new worlds. One doctor notes that even if his town does not have a pharmacy, the local groceries are selling antibiotics and all kinds of medicines that may be misused.

Can these doctors cope as new problems crop up—junk foods, "imported" cigarettes and alcohol—even as old health issues fester?

Let's talk money now. On average, each town has an annual health budget of about P1.5 million for 10,000 people. That works out to P150 per person, to cover health personnel, medicines, equipment, supplies.

Sure, there are other budgets to help cover the needs. One provincial government had a health budget of P100 million for 450,000 people, which means another P222 per person.

Then there's the national health budget of P10.5 billion, to be shared among 80 million Filipinos. That works out to another P131 per person. In total, you're talking about P500 for each person in these impoverished towns, presuming the money does go to health, but then that's another story.

Will these doctors make a difference? I'm sure they will, simply by being there in the communities, but I'm cautiously optimistic. Stay with me the next two years as I share more of their stories.

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The WORLD

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Bin Laden hails recent terror attacks, threatens US allies

GENIUS IN CONTROL REUTERS

Scientist Albert Einstein, shown here on Feb. 18, 1933 riding a bicycle in Santa Barbara, California, is the subject of an exhibit opening Nov. 15, at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. The exhibit, billed as the most comprehensive ever presented on Einstein, includes original manuscripts, photographs, personal letters, and even an old report card from his Swiss high school.

DOHA—Osama bin Laden hailed the spate of terror attacks in the Arab world and Asia as well as last month's Moscow hostage-taking, and threatened US allies, in an audiotape attributed to him and broadcast by Al-Jazeera TV late Tuesday.

The speaker lashed out at US President George W. Bush, calling him the "pharaoh of the century," and at his key allies, whom he called "murderers."

"As you assassinate, so will you be (assassinated), and as you bomb so will you likewise be," the tape said, against the background of a photograph of the Al-Qaida terror network's leader, in turban and khaki jacket, a rifle at his side.

US officials say a preliminary analysis by intelligence experts has concluded the audiotape is authentic, US television networks reported late Tuesday.

"It's him," two senior officials from different agencies told NBC News as the Central Intelligence Agency continued to analyze the recording aired earlier in the day.

If finally authenticated, the tape would be the clearest evidence yet that bin Laden survived the US-led military campaign in Afghanistan that toppled his Taliban hosts and sought to flush out al-Qaida, which the United States blames for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

In the message to "the peoples of countries allied to the United States," he warned them against the "alliance between their governments and the United States to attack us in Afghanistan."

"The conquests of New York and Washington up until now—like the operations on Germans in Tunisia, the explosion of the French tanker in Yemen, on the French in Karachi, the operations against the (US) Marines in Failaka (Kuwait), on Australians and Britons in the explosions in Bali, as well as the recent hostage-taking in Moscow and other operations here and there—were nothing but the response of Muslims eager to defend their religion and respond to the order of God and their Prophet."

On Oct. 12, a car-bombing in the Indonesian tourist resort of Bali left more than 190 people dead, mostly tourists.

Four days earlier, a US Marine was killed and another wounded when Islamist gunmen opened fire on soldiers during military maneuvers on the Kuwaiti island of Failaka.

And on Oct. 6, a French oil tanker was holed by a bomb off the coast of Yemen, and a Bulgarian sailor killed.

The reference to Karachi was to the killing on May 8 of 14 people, including 11 French, on a bus, while that to Tunisia was of the bombing of a synagogue in Jerba in which 21 people, including 14 Germans, died on April 11.

"Australia was warned about its participation (in the war) in Afghanistan and its ignoble contribution to the separation of East Timor (from Indonesia). But it ignored this warning until it was awakened by the echoes of explosions in Bali," the speaker said.

On Oct. 23, Chechen separatists took several hundred people hostage in a Moscow theatre. When Russian special forces moved in three days later, 128 hostages died as well as the 41 hostage-takers. *AFP, with Reuters*

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US concerned by large Iraqi order of nerve gas antidote

WASHINGTON—The United States has expressed concern over an Iraqi order for more than a million doses of the nerve gas antidote atropine, amid fears Baghdad may be preparing to use chemical weapons in the event of military action against it.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday that Washington was trying to determine if the motive behind the order—which was submitted to the United Nations—was legitimate or a threat or an attempt to intimidate.

"I don't want to say what they intended or not," Powell told reporters at the State Department after meeting with UN chief Kofi Annan.

"Maybe it was a threat or some effort at disinformation, I don't know, I am not going to speculate as to what they had in mind," he said.

But Powell noted that the "principal use" for atropine in the form and quantity Iraq had ordered was, "as an antidote for nerve gas poisoning."

Later, in an interview with ABC's "Nightline" television program, Powell said it was possible the Iraqis planned to use atropine to protect their own population or wished Washington to believe that.

"But we are taking under advisement these reports that they are trying to acquire atropine surrettes, and looking at it very closely," he said.

A senior State Department official said earlier that Iraq's order for 1.25 million doses of atropine was "of some concern."

"It's being looked at in terms of their real needs," the official said, noting that the drug had other medical uses including the treatment of heart conditions and pesticide poisoning.

The official said much of the drug had been ordered from a Turkish company but that firms in other countries were also believed to have received inquiries from Baghdad.

The official would not identify the other nations involved but said Washington had raised the matter with Turkish authorities in Ankara and would continue to study the Iraqi order to determine whether it is legitimate or a prelude to the possible use of chemical weapons.

The United States and Turkey "have common concerns about Iraq and what it has done in the past and might do in the future," the official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declined to discuss the specifics of any Iraqi order of atropine but said an attempt by Baghdad to purchase large quantities of the drug would raise flags.

"An Iraqi order for more atropine than needed to meet normal humanitarian requirements would be of concern since that could indicate preparations to use chemical weapons by preparing to protect their own forces from the consequences of such use," Boucher said. *AFP*

DUST STORM AP

A huge dust cloud rolls over the Australian town of Griffith, 400 km southwest of Sydney, Nov. 12, after high winds whipped up top soil dried from a prolonged drought. Australia is in the grips of a devastating drought, one of the worst on record, slashing agricultural production across the country.

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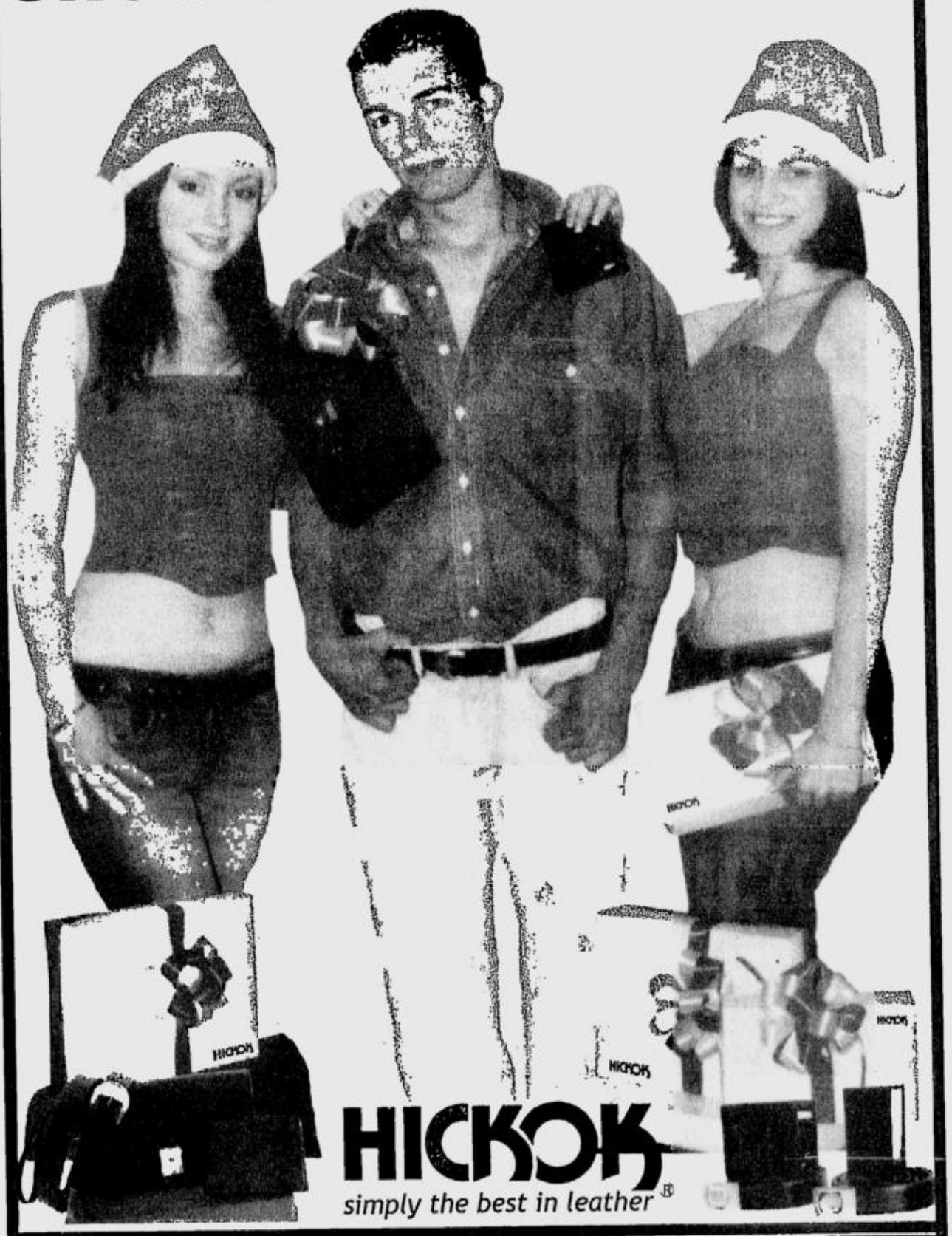

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CASCO TOWNSHIP, Michigan—Federal agents in Michigan began stopping people at surprise checkpoints near the Canadian border to look for illegal immigrants, potential terrorists and drug and weapons smugglers.

FBI agent Dawn Clenney said Tuesday the counterterrorism work is especially important in Michigan, where three men have been charged with supporting terrorism since the Sept. 11 attacks.

"There are strands of al-Qaida and Hezbollah and Hamas here in Michigan. I don't want to narrow it down any further than that," Clenney said.

The Border Patrol checkpoints were set up near Port Huron and Trenton, areas officials say are among the state's busiest for smuggling. The checkpoints will rotate and be unannounced.

The main purpose is to catch illegal immigrants, said Loretta Lopez-Mossman, acting chief patrol agent for the Border Patrol's Detroit sector. But she said agents also will look for smugglers and potential terrorists.

No arrests or detentions were made Tuesday, but Lopez-Mossman said the goal was to "disrupt smuggling."

Such checkpoints have been common for years along the US-Mexico border, and northern states including New York, Vermont and New Hampshire also use them, Border Patrol spokesperson Mario Villarreal said. Border Patrol officials said a similar program will begin this week in Washington state, and that checkpoints may be set up on Michigan's Upper Peninsula next summer. *AP*

TRADITIONAL Russian Matryoshka dolls featuring Chinese leaders since the overthrow of the imperial Qing dynasty in 1911 are displayed in Beijing Nov. 13, as the ongoing 16th Chinese Communist Party Congress convenes. REUTERS

Congress confirms Jiang will step down this week

BEIJING—Delegates to China's Communist Party Congress ended months of speculation on Wednesday, confirming Jiang Zemin would step down as party chief and make way for a new generation of leaders this week.

Five other leaders, including parliament chief Li Peng and Premier Zhu Rongji, would also retire from the seven-man Politburo Standing Committee in the first peaceful and orderly succession in the history of Communist China, they said.

Vice President Hu Jintao, 59, was the only member of the current leadership standing for re-election to the Central Committee, they said, offering the first clear indication that he would take over as head of the party.

Under the party constitution, its general secretary must be a member of the Politburo Standing Committee, which will be chosen from the new Central Committee members on Friday.

"None of the leaders except for Hu are Central Committee candidates," one delegate said, breaking a strict code of silence that has surrounded the leadership changes.

"They are all getting old and want to make room for younger leaders to promote development."

After months of furtive jockeying for power, these were the first definitive signs that the "fourth generation" of leaders after Chairman Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping and Jiang will take the helm of the world's most populous nation this week.

Jiang must step down as president at a parliament meeting in March, when his second term ends.

However, Jiang will wield considerable power in retirement by packing the new leadership with allies and having his political theory written into the party constitution, party sources say.

He could also stay on as head of the head of the Central Military Commission (CMC) after leaving the Central Committee, as his predecessor Deng Xiaoping did, they say.

"It looks like it's all wrapped up, except the military commission," said one Beijing-based diplomat. "It sets an important precedent for future leaders. But this is not the last we've heard of Jiang."

The new leaders will not be known for sure until they parade out from behind a screen in the Soviet-style Great Hall of the People on Friday.

The changes have been thrashed out in advance through horse-trading between retiring leaders anxious to keep a say in decision-making and protect family interests, but must go through a choreographed election process at the congress.

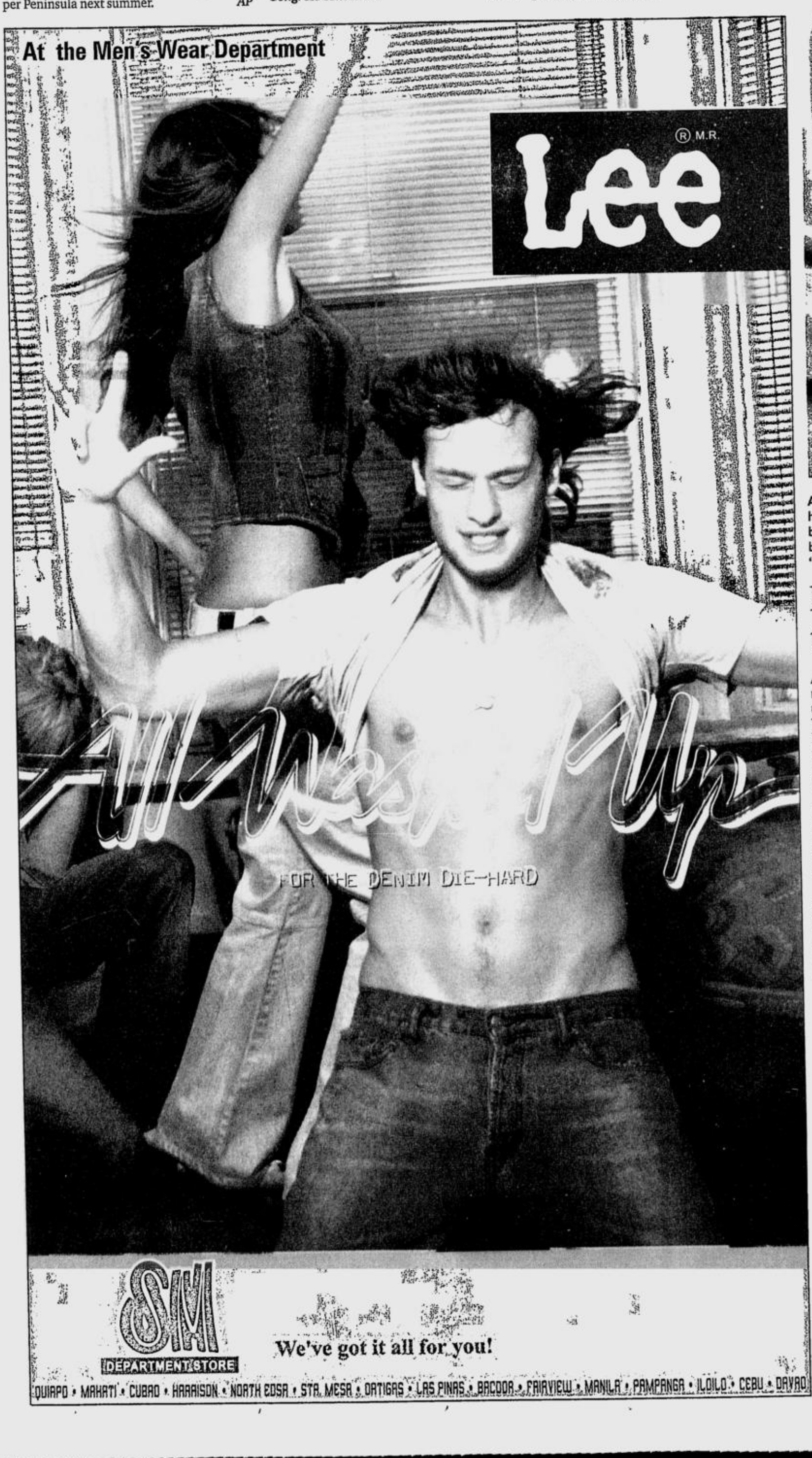
The 2,114 congress delegates discuss the candidate list, which has more names than available seats, and hold preliminary votes to make sure it goes according to plan, party sources say.

Two delegates said there were more than 360 full and alternate seats available on the new Central Committee, with about 20 more candidates than seats.

The current Central Committee has 335 full and alternate members. Alternates act as a reserve team to fill any vacancies.

Delegates refused to discuss the new lineup, highlighting the sensitivity of the most sweeping reshuffle since Jiang was chosen to head the party in the wake of the 1989 massacre of student protesters around Tiananmen Square.

But they said Li Ruihuan, 68, Wei Jianxing, 71, and Li Lanqing, 70—numbers four, six and seven in the party—were also not on the list for the new Central Committee. *Reuters*



AMINA Lawal, condemned to death by stoning because of adultery, and her child Wasila in Nigeria's capital Abuja, on Nov. 12. Lawal thanked beauty queens for boycotting Nigeria's Miss World pageant on her behalf, but asked then to call off their protest, saying nothing will happen "without God's permission." AP

Beauty queen wants to see condemned Amina

ABUJA—Miss Norway, among the scores of beauty queens who threatened to boycott the Miss World pageant over Nigeria's Islamic stoning sentences, has two wishes: to go home as the new Miss World, and to meet Amina Lawal Kurami.

Kurami is the 31-year-old Nigerian Muslim mother whose sentencing to death by stoning for adultery sparked worldwide outrage and the Miss World boycott threats.

"My wish is to try and meet her. I am going to try my best to see her," Norway's Kathrine Sorland said on Tuesday, a day after she and some 80 other contestants arrived in Abuja to the relief of Nigerian officials and contest organizers.

She said the head of the Miss World Organization had told contestants that "Amina Lawal had said we should come to her."

Sorland, 22, was among more than 50 beauty contestants who initially said they would stay away from this year's contest in Nigeria because of Kurami's sentence under Nigeria's Islamic sharia law. Human rights activists and radical Islamic groups also urged a boycott.

But when Nigerian officials promised never to allow the death-by-stoning sentences to be carried out in a desperate bid to save the December 7 event, Sorland and other representatives who had threatened the boycott changed their minds. *Reuters*

Israeli forces take total control of West Bank town

NABLUS, West Bank—The northern West Bank town of Nablus was totally under Israeli control early Wednesday after more than 150 armored vehicles rolled in overnight, Palestinian security sources said, following an attack on a kibbutz in which five Israelis died.

The Israeli armor, backed by helicopter gunships, entered the town at 4 a.m. from the east and west, moving towards the center while firing without apparently meeting any resistance.

By around 5 a.m. the Israelis had complete control of the town and the casbah, the old town, was surrounded by tanks. The sources said it looked as though the casbah was the main target of the operation.

Israeli military sources confirmed that a military operation was underway in Nablus, without giving any details.

Israeli media had said the government was poised to launch tough reprisals for an attack late Sunday which killed five residents of Kibbutz Metzer in northern Israel, including a mother and her two children.

The army had been expected to launch massive incursions into Nablus and Tulkarem, both regarded as hotbeds of militancy.

Late Tuesday, Israeli public radio reported that the army was readying a major operation against Palestinian organizations in the northern West Bank. The target of the operation, approved by Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, would be the organizations' infrastructure, it said. *AFP*

Prince Charles orders probe of butler's trial

LONDON—Britain's Prince Charles on Tuesday ordered an internal review into the sensational collapse of the Princess Diana butler trial and claims of a royal cover-up over an alleged homosexual rape—snubbing the opportunity for an unprecedented independent inquiry.

Announcing the internal review, Sir Michael Peat, private secretary to Charles, told the media: "If we have made mistakes, he wants us to face up to them and rectify them."

"Concerns have been expressed, we are not ignoring them. The Prince of Wales (Charles) leads by example," said Peat, adding that he hoped to report back no later than Christmas.

There had been suggestions that Charles, heir to the British throne, had been under pressure from his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, to order an independent inquiry—a move which would have been unprecedented.

Peat, who will carry out his review alongside lawyer Edmund Lawson, said an external inquiry could still be held but that it was for the government or police, and not Charles, to order one.

Peat's review would investigate events surrounding the collapse of the butler trial on Nov. 1. Diana's former butler Paul Burrell had been accused of stealing hundreds of Diana's belongings after her August 1997 death in a Paris car crash.

But the prosecution's case fell apart when the queen suddenly recalled that Burrell informed her of his intention to hold some items in safekeeping.

Peat said the queen would not act as a witness for the review as her office already knew her side of the story.

The internal review will also investigate revelations of a cover-up regarding an alleged homosexual rape by one of Charles' key aides. It will also examine whether royal gifts have, as alleged, been sold for cash. *AFP*

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Being the elder of two siblings and orphaned by the recent death of her diabetic father before she was able to enter college, she has no other recourse but to also help her widowed, unemployed mother in the upkeep of their family which is already perennially dependent on relatives for support.

But this "youth-at-risk"—which is how social workers largely classify the young and underprivileged victims of the country's prolonged economic crisis who thrive in informal settlement colonies throughout depressed communities in Metro Manila—is not one to throw in the towel without a good fight.

The petite Monika, who is a full-time scholar and part-time employee, puts to shame many ordinary college students with her success in juggling her various commitments and responsibilities at school, work and home.

Credit it to her early awakening to the hardships of life, her formal education and skills training, and her innate talent. And, of course, to a good break.

A GMA Scholar, named after the scholarship fund of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo that was put up to benefit the country's disadvantaged youth, Monika is now a freshman at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) enrolled with a 24-unit full load for a degree in Business Administration, major in Management.

To keep her scholarship, Monika is required to maintain a 2.0 grade average. She receives a monthly stipend of P1,000 for her books, transportation and uniform. Yet she still shares the rest of the allowance with her mother, who takes on odd jobs as a bookie for a local numbers game joint and as laundrywoman. She also helps provide for the school allowance of her younger sister, who studies at nearby CP Garcia High School.

Part-time work for Monika is a thrice-a-week, 8am to 5pm tour-of-duty at the Caltex Retail Outlet located at the West Service Road in Parañaque City. At the station, Monika does office work and, at times, lubricant and other related mechanical-servicing jobs at the Xpress Lube site where she underwent on-the-job training under the Caltex In-Plant Training (CIPT) program.

Monika belonged to the first batch of some 20 young men and women participants in the CIPT program that kicked off January this year, in partnership with the ERDA-TECH Foundation. Under the CIPT program, fifth-year students of ERDA-TECH's formal academic technical high school program and the trainees of its PALIHAN non-formal technical training program undertake practical hands-on work in participating Xpress Lube outlets and service stations. Thus, for three months, the trainees assisted in automotive and mechanical jobs at the Xpress Lube sites and got exposed to the Caltex's high-standard of workmanship and service.

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ROUNDUP

Negligent Negros cop

DUMAGUETE CITY—Investigators found the policeman, whose M203 rifle grenade exploded and later burned the police station and a nearby engineering building in Guihulngan, Negros Oriental on Oct. 30, negligent. PO3 Edgar Lazaro, who was also one of three policemen injured in the explosion, faces demotion or dismissal and might be made to pay for damages amounting to P1.7 million, said Senior Supt. Drusillo Bolodo, Negros Oriental police director. Lazaro, along with fellow injured policemen SPO1 Mario Murillo and PO2 Benito Arances, belong to the 706th Provincial Mobile Group, which was sent to reinforce the Guihulngan police force after the town's policemen were sent to Cebu for retraining.

Alex Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau

Winner by 126 votes

TAGBILARAN CITY—A Regional Trial Court judge in Bohol has upheld the victory of Mayor Paulino Amper of Anda town over Carlos Tinio Jr. by a margin of 126 votes, 16 votes more than Amper's winning margin when he was proclaimed winner on May 16, 2001. Tinio had protested Amper's proclamation and questioned the results in 10 out of 36 barangays. But RTC Judge Patsita Sarmiento-Gamutan affirmed Amper's victory. This was based on the recounting of votes, which showed that Amper posted a total of 3,473 votes against Tinio's 3,347 votes.

Chito Fuentes, PDI Visayas Bureau

Crime of passion

CEBU CITY—A jealous teenager shot dead a former councilor of the town of Argao in Cebu on Friday night. Ramon Umboy, 52, died of a single bullet wound in the head. Police said Umboy was shot by 16-year-old Mike (real name withheld) on suspicion that his 15-year-old girlfriend, a stepdaughter of Umboy, had a sexual relationship with her stepfather. Insp. Carmelita Condevillamar, chief of Argao police, said the suspect used a shotgun in killing the former councilor. Mike is now in police custody.

Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau

Cops seize hot lumber

MAASIN CITY—The Southern Leyte police and personnel of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) seized last week some P105,000 worth of lumber made from *yakal*, a hardwood species, from a police officer, Insp. Celso Gaviola, the former police chief of Macrohon, Southern Leyte. The Cenro said Gaviola could only present a xerox copy of the documents for its transport when he was asked to present shipment papers for the 2,400 board feet of lumber transported by pump boat to this city from Butuan City. This was the second case involving Gaviola who, only last September, was apprehended for illegal possession of firearms and illegal gambling.

Jani Arnaiz, PDI Visayas Bureau

Jail warden relieved

COTABATO CITY—North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol ordered the relief of provincial jail warden Chief Insp. Jose Calimutan and five of his men for failure to prevent the escape of at least four inmates from the Provincial Rehabilitation Center in Barangay Amas, Kidapawan City on Saturday. In an urgent memo prepared by Aurora Garcia, provincial human resource officer, the governor directed police provincial director Supt. Alfredo Agdepa to relieve Calimutan and the five jail guards who were on duty when Saidon Dilandan, Tony Lidasan, Tonton Saligan and Amir Mangara bolted their cells. Piñol said an investigation to determine if the guards had been remiss in their responsibilities has started. He expressed dismay over the escape as it occurred in the wake of a red alert status in the jail.

Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau

4 NPA rebels nabbed

DAVAO CITY—Soldiers arrested at least four New People's Army rebels in Malita, Davao del Sur on Saturday. Elements of the Army's 25th Infantry Battalion intercepted the suspects, Jerry Blatang, Nestor Pinalusan, Randy Padayag, and Tito Cano, all 19, aboard a motorcycle along the highway of Barangay Lagunit at around 8 a.m. The suspects were reportedly members of the NPA's Front Committee 75 under Commander Brigol, who operates in the Don Marcelino-Jose Abad Santos-Malita Complex. Taken from them were three fragmentation grenades and a .357 cal. revolver.

Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Woman executed

DAVAO CITY—New People's Army rebels allegedly executed a woman, whom the communists earlier tried for robbery before a rebel court in Compostela Valley, reports reaching the Southern Mindanao police office said. Nimfa Ramos was inside her residence in Sitio Pataon, Barangay Cabuyoan when the rebels attacked her last week. She died of multiple bullet wounds. The suspects then allegedly fled to an unknown direction.

Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Bridge of peace

A 1.9-kilometer bridge dubbed 'Bridge of Peace' will be built over Panguil Bay, linking Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental and Zamboanga del Sur. Proponents expressed hope the bridge would speed up economic development and promote sports and tourism in Mindanao. The construction will cost P3.6 billion through a build-operate-transfer scheme to be funded by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation. By length, the proposed bridge would beat San Juanico Bridge which spans Samar and Leyte provinces in the Visayas. A technical team will conduct an environment impact assessment on the proposed project.

FRESH TERM

Comelec proclaims Hagedorn

By Blanche Rivera in Manila and Geraldforde Ticke
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

THREE-time Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn started a fresh term yesterday, declaring programs for which "one-and-a half years would not be enough."

The Commission on Elections officially proclaimed Hagedorn yesterday afternoon, 49 days after he won the recall elections at the capital city of Palawan.

Hagedorn said he would immediately buckle down to work as Puerto Princesa was facing many problems, including the emerging strength of rebels and a dengue epidemic that takes ill at least four people a day.

Hagedorn said the deteriorating environment of Puerto Princesa, which used to be the country's cleanest and greenest city, caused the health problems.

He also blamed the renewed activity of the New People's Army, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, for the economic hardships faced by his constituents.

"This is the first time that it happened. We did not have these problems when I was mayor. This is a big challenge for me . . . One and a half years would not be enough," he said during a press conference at the Comelec chair's office.

He added that cyanide and dynamite fishing were rampant in Puerto Princesa again, tainting the city's character as the last frontier for conservation in the country.

Hagedorn expressed lament over the halt to his programs for the environment after his term. Dennis Socrates succeeded Hagedorn, who lost the gubernatorial race last year.

But Socrates was ousted after 346 councilmen and barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials filed for his recall, citing loss of confidence in his leadership.

"I'm happy because even if I don't belong to the administration party, they ruled in favor of me. It's been a long wait," said Hagedorn, adding that it was more difficult because Chief Justice Hilario Davide dissented against a Supreme Court decision lifting a temporary restraining order against his proclamation.

MAYOR again, Hagedorn celebrates his proclamation at the Comelec with Comelec Chair Abalos. VAL HANDUMON

The Supreme Court junked the complaint filed by Socrates and another mayoral candidate, Vicente Sandoval, saying Hagedorn was ineligible to run for a new term because the recall elections were not the first regular elections held after the mayor's term.

The city government is now bracing for the return of Hagedorn. Mayor Socrates is now preparing for a smooth transition at city hall.

City administrator Jocelyn Dilig said in a press conference that Socrates would abide by the decision but wanted time for the transition.

Dilig also said they were leaving to Socrates' counsel the decision whether to appeal the decision.

"We just want to ask Mayor Hagedorn to give us the chance to turn over (power) and a transition period to avoid interruption of services," she said.

She added that they just want to iron things out before they turn over the administration.

"There are some things that Mayor Hagedorn needs to get informed (about) before he assumes office," Dilig said.

Hagedorn got 20,238 votes and won by 3,000 votes over Socrates' 17,220 votes in the elections last September after the Comelec upheld the resolution of the Preparatory Recall Election held by barangay officials here in July.

The third mayoral candidate, Sandoval, came third with 13,241 votes.

Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos said that upon receipt of the copy of the SC decision, he would immediately call the Board of Canvassers to convene and proclaim Hagedorn winner.

Abalos added that after taking his oath of office after proclamation, Hagedorn can immediately assume office as the new mayor of the city, erasing doubts as to when will he take over the administration.

Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes called on the people to be calm.

"It's time for us to unite. Let us accept the decision of the Supreme Court and the will of the people of Puerto Princesa City," Reyes said.

Both camps of Hagedorn and Socrates also called on their supporters to stay calm and let the process take its due course.

Hagedorn said that after the political bickering, "it is now time for the healing process."

Dilig, on the other hand, said, "it is time for us to move on and forget the division that was brought about by political crisis that we just had."

DAR chief's signature forger held in Ecija

By T.J. Burgonio

A MAN who allegedly issued fake land titles for a fee by forging the signature of Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza was arrested in an entrapment operation in Lupao, Nueva Ecija on Tuesday, police announced yesterday.

Edgardo Berganio had duped at least four farmers of Lupao mainly by showing endorsement letters bearing Braganza's forged signature and seal of the Department of Agrarian Reform, officials of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group said.

He collected a fee of at least P8,000 for each title.

Berganio, of 393 MS Garcia St., Purok 6, Cabanatuan City, had also claimed to be an aide of the secretary and a media man during his dealings with the farmers. He carried a fake press ID, the officials added.

Braganza, however, disputed the suspect's claims, saying that Berganio was neither an employee of the DAR nor an aide of his.

"He claimed that he was my aide in the Marines. I've never been with the military . . . In fact I was an activist," he said during a press briefing at the CIDG headquarters where the suspect was presented to the media.

Braganza appealed to the other farmers who had been victimized by Berganio to come out in the open and lodge charges against the suspect.

"It's sad that the farmers who are hoping to get their own lands are the ones being victimized here," he said. "Termites like Berganio are the ones destroying our land reform program."

Chief Supt. Eduardo Matillano, CIDG director, said that charges of extortion and falsification of public documents have been filed against Berganio.

Matillano dispatched a team to entrap Berganio after Braganza relayed complaints of extortion lodged by farmers against the suspect before the DAR main office in Quezon City.

Two of the complainants, Pedro and Teoderico Mendoza, said that they bought two parcels of land in Nueva Ecija, measuring 3,000 and 17,000 sqm., from Berganio for P8,000 each, he said.

The Mendozas, residents of Barangay San Isidro in Lupao town, said that they initially found Berganio credible after they were shown letters signed by Braganza seeking the fast processing of their titles.

They, however, became suspicious and decided to verify the veracity of the documents with the local DAR office in Region 3 after Berganio made further demand for an additional fee of P1,410 each from them.

They discovered that the documents were spurious.

FVR defends move to grant IPP contracts

By Yolanda Sotelo Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DAGUPAN CITY—Former President Fidel Ramos defended the decision of his administration to allow the entry of independent power producers (IPPs), saying the power crisis in the early 1990s had prompted the government to look for long-term solutions to save investments in the country.

"(The) lessons of the power crisis the Philippines experienced some years ago instruct on the need for long-term perspectives and solutions," Ramos said here on Monday.

"Speed was critical and there was no room for delays," said Ramos, describing his decision in 1992 to fast track the development of the energy sector.

Ramos and Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. visited the $1.2-billion San Roque Multipurpose Dam Project (SRMDP) in San Manuel, Pangasinan. They toured the SRMDP's facilities and took a boat ride around the dam that is almost filled with water.

The SRMDP is one of the IPPs that the Ramos administration approved. The power component of the plant is expected to operate next year but the irrigation component is still awaiting funding.

Ramos said the power crisis in the late 1980s cost the Philippines billions of dollars in terms of lost industrial production, decreased export revenues, lost opportunities in investments and tourism, and a higher debt burden.

"(These were) all because some authorities failed to act quickly," the former president said.

He said the development of the energy sector during his administration was premised on the vulnerability of the Philippines to political conflicts in the Middle East, the major source of the country's crude oil imports.

"The energy crisis of the late 1980s and the Gulf War of 1991 and the possibility of war breaking out between the United States and Iraq are painful reminders of this continuing threat," he said.

It was during the Ramos administration that the country embarked on a comprehensive indigenous and alternative energy development plan that involved the extensive exploration and exploitation of the country's gas and oil reserves, hydro-electric potentials as well as ocean, wind and solar alternatives.

Ramos said it was his administration that improved the country's energy mix that, before his term, was mainly dependent on crude oil.

By the time he left his post in 1998, the country's energy mix had improved to 41-percent indigenous-sourced power, he said.

He said this would improve to 55 percent when the generating plants powered by natural gas from Malampaya and Palawan are fully used.

Army soldier slain, 1 hurt in encounter

BACOLOD CITY—An Army soldier was killed and another was injured in an encounter with the New People's Army in Sitio Bangko-Bangko, Barangay Manlocahoc, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental, on Monday.

The slain soldier was identified as Cpl. Ansgar Mosqueda. The wounded, Pfc. Alan Cahuya, is now being treated at the Riverside Medical Center in Bacolod City.

Brig. Gen. Alphonsus Crucero, outgoing 303rd Infantry Brigade commanding general, said Tuesday that the encounter in Sipalay City was an offshoot of the military operations to preempt any NPA terroristic activities in Negros.

Numerous sightings of NPA guerrillas in southern and central Negros that prompted the military to intensify their combat operations against the communist rebels followed reports of threats from the insurgents to sabotage the operations of state-owned Philippine National Oil Co. and National Power Corp. power plants.

Lt. Col. Jon Aying, 61st Infantry Battalion commanding officer, said Mosqueda was fatally hit in the breast while Cahuya suffered a gunshot wound in the right foot.

The two Army soldiers were among the members of the 11th and 61st Infantry Battalions organized by Crucero to initiate combat operations in southern Negros.

Aying said the soldiers were on patrol when they stumbled upon a group of 15 suspected NPA rebels in Barangay Manlocahoc. This led to a 40-minute gunfight and the death of Mosqueda. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Lack of infra, corrupt officials seen causes of productivity plunge

DAVAO CITY—The lack of infrastructure support and graft and corruption in government are pushing down the level of Filipino workers' productivity and quality of work.

Filipino workers were more productive in 1999 when it ranked number 29 compared with neighboring Asian countries. Today, the Philippines is No. 40 out of 48 Asian countries surveyed for productivity.

Lourdes Trasmonte, director of the Department of Labor and Employment in Southern Mindanao, said there was a need to improve productivity to make the Philippines more competitive especially the country's Small- and Medium-scale Enterprises (SMEs).

Jerry Antonio, immediate past president of the Philippine Quality and Productivity Movement, Inc. (PQPM), said poor infrastructure and graft and corruption are pushing down productivity.

"We are coming out to be the number one in graft and corruption. And this is the responsibility of the government," Antonio said.

Citing as example the Department of Public Works and Highways, Antonio said portion of the funds for infrastructure usually go to the pockets of some officials as their shares from the infrastructure project.

Antonio said complacency on the part of the citizens is a factor why graft and corruption thrive in government.

He said citizens play a vital role as watchdogs to force the government to improve the delivery of services to the people.

"I think it would also be good for citizens to be militant," Antonio said.

Antonio has been working on the objective of PQPM to encourage and promote productivity to attain greater efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources.

Antonio said complacency among workers is another factor why productivity is going down.

He said a farmer is happy enough to make a harvest of 20 tons of rice in five hectares of land. But in China, he said, a farmer could hit 20 tons for every hectare of riceland.

According to Antonio, Filipinos have been known to be skilled workers.

These skilled workers, he said, are not found in the country but abroad.

To address the problem, Trasmonte said the DOLE, PQPM and the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board (RTWPB) are trying to bring together successful SMEs in Mindanao to share their experiences about quality and productivity endeavors. *Ayan Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

ARMY UNDER FIRE

Abuses vs tribal folk to be probed

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—The Capiz provincial board will conduct a special session today in Tapaz town, Capiz to investigate reports of human rights violations against members of an indigenous community on Panay Island.

The session to be held in Barangay Acuna, around 15 kilometers from the Tapaz town center, is the first to be held in a hinterland barangay of the province. It will be attended by Vice Gov. Victor Tanco and all the 14 members of the provincial board.

Violations

The provincial board will investigate a report of human rights organizations alleging that members of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division have committed human rights violations against members of the Tumandok community, according to board member Cezar Talabucon.

Board member Gilbert Ardivilla, chair of the human rights committee, said they would want to directly hear from residents what is happening in their community and to check on the veracity of the reported abuses.

Military detachments

In its report after a fact-finding mission on Oct. 7-11 in 10 barangays, the Task Force Tapaz accused soldiers of turning houses of members of the indigenous community into military detachments. The group is a network of advocates of the Tumandok community.

Residents of Barangays Daan Sur and Sinunod are exposed to the danger of armed confrontation in case soldiers are attacked by their enemies, the report said.

Rebel-infested

The military has classified at least 10 barangays in Tapaz as rebel-infested.

The military has denied the allegations. Maj. Oscar Lasangue, commander of the Civil Relations Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Western Visayas, accused members of Task Force Tapaz of being "front organizations" of the Communist Party of the Philippines and New People's Army.

The Tumandok, called Sulodnons by scholars, are among the oldest community on Panay Island. Their number estimated to be around 18,000, they are mostly found in the hinterland barangays of Jamindan and Tapaz towns in Capiz.

The community is inside a disputed 33,310-hectare area that was declared a military reservation in 1962 by then President Diosdado Macapagal. The headquarters of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division is located inside the military reservation.

The Tumandok is known for their rich oral literature that has gained international recognition. Anthropologists have recorded nine epics chanted for at least 162 hours. The epics, according to studies, provide insights into the history, psyche and culture of pre-Hispanic Panay Bisayans.

Release of 2 female minor NPA suspects sought

BUTUAN CITY—Militant human rights group Karapatan has demanded the immediate and unconditional release of two girls suspected to be members of New People's Army (NPA) who were captured in a raid on a suspected rebel lair on Oct. 28.

Dr. Maria Natividad Castro, chair of the Karapatan in the Caraga Region, said the girls must be released because they were detained despite the failure of authorities to file charges against them and they were denied the right to counsel.

"No case has been filed and this constitutes illegal detention," she told the INQUIRER.

She challenged military authorities to prove its claim that the girls, aged 17 and 19, were NPA guerrillas.

Castro also chided the continued interrogation of the suspected rebels as unlawful because it was done in the absence of their legal counsels.

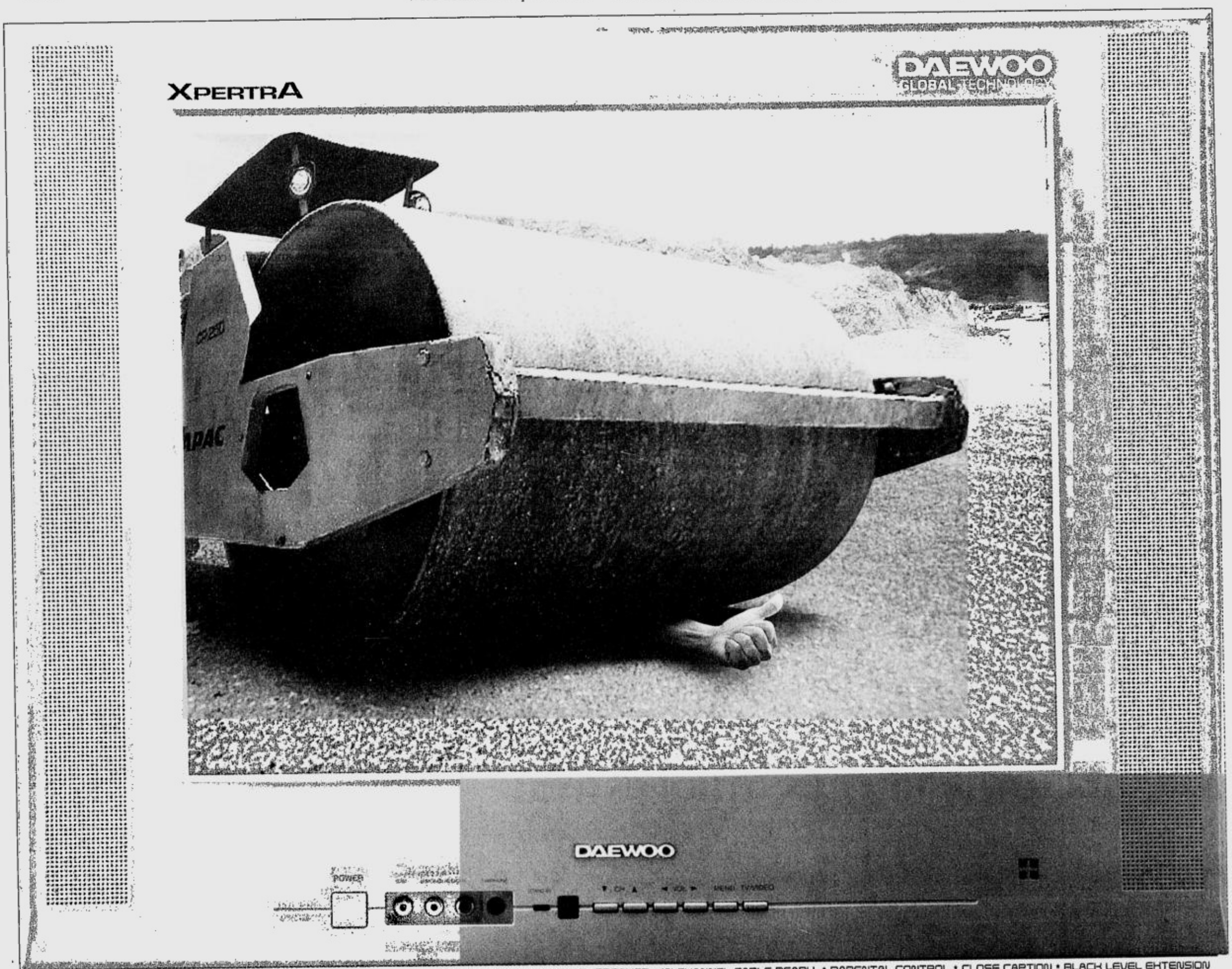
But Col. Juanito Cabayao Jr., chief of the 402nd Infantry Brigade based in Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur, said the government could not free the girls because they were facing charges of illegal possession of firearms.

Cabayao said they had already turned over the girls to the provincial social welfare and development office in Prosperidad town.

He said the military has evidence to prove the girls were indeed regular NPA fighters operating in Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Norte.

"They were identified in our order of battle," Cabayao said.

The girls' arrest bolstered the military's claims that the communist-led NPA has been recruiting minors. *Franklin Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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Iwahig: Model prison without bars

By Dominique Monera-Tabora
Puerto Princesa City

MORE than being the country's oldest and largest open prison, the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm played a crucial role in Philippine history as a place of exile for those who had fought for freedom during the period of Spanish colonization up to the Japanese occupation.

The penal colony was founded on Nov. 16, 1904 when its first superintendent, American R.J. Shields, landed off Puerto Bay—known as Iwahig—with 61 prisoners from the Old Bilibid Prison.

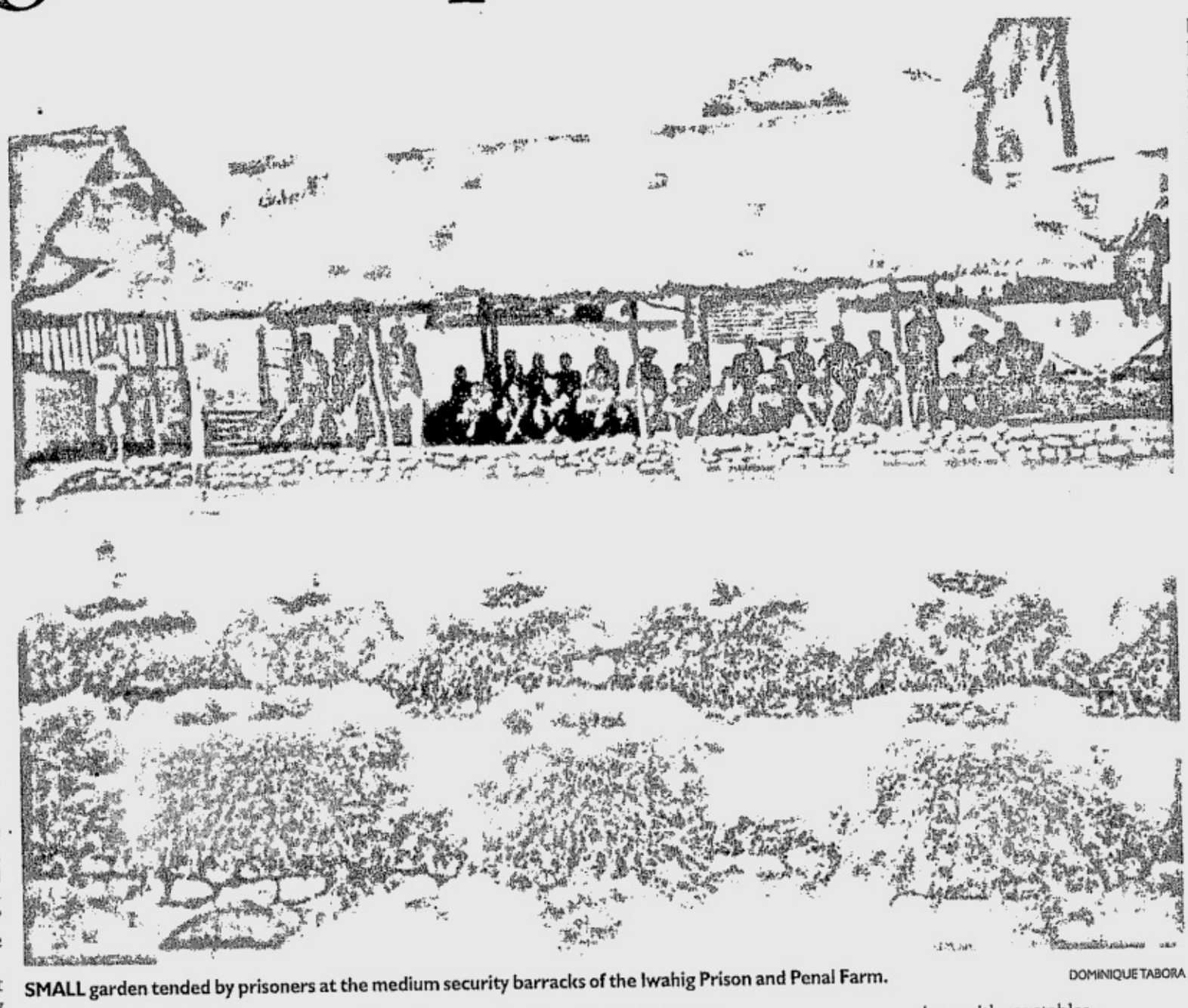
But before the arrival of the prisoners, hundreds of so-called "*filibustero*" or those fighting the Spanish government were thrown to the area referred to in historical documents as Puerto Asuncion Iguahit.

Historian Nilo S. Ocampo, in his book "Katutubo, Muslim, Kristyano: Palawan 1621-1901," said the establishment of the "*Gobierno Politico-Militar de Paragua*" (Palawan) on Jan. 20, 1862 was borne out of the need to establish a "*colonia penitenciaria*" where "subversive elements" who rose against Spain could be exiled.

Ocampo noted that the first settlers to establish the new colony in Puerto Asuncion Iguahit were 27 female *filibustero*, 20 civilians, 183 soldiers and 22 officials.

To entice people to settle in Paragua (Palawan), then Gov. Felipe Canga-Arguelles waived taxes for 10 years and offered various incentives. He invited Europeans and Filipinos to live there.

Despite early successes in planting sugarcane, coconut, cacao, corn and bananas in what is now the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm, efforts to make Paragua an economic base did not prosper due to its distance from Luzon.



SMALL garden tended by prisoners at the medium security barracks of the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm. DOMINIQUE TABORA

Exile

The Spaniards used the isolated frontiers of Balabac and Puerto Princesa as a place of exile for those who committed crimes and the *filibustero*.

Among those banished were people involved in the Cavite uprising, the 34 "propagandists of Masonry" from Pampanga; and about 200 other *filibustero* after the 1896 revolution broke out.

With the presence of political exiles, it did not take long before revolutionary propaganda spread in Palawan.

The governor of Paragua discovered a "conspiracy" among 235 "deportees" and 50 soldiers. Native officials in the garrisons in Puerto Princesa were stripped of their ranks for disloyalty to Spain after they rose against their Spanish masters and freed the exiles in October 1896.

The Spaniards immediately arrested 40 prisoners and soldiers and kept them incomunicado. The five leaders of the foiled revolt were shot by the Spaniards in the early morning of Nov. 26, 1896.

Among the leaders was a *mestizo*, Damaso Ponce, secretary of the *logia mason* who was supposed to serve as chief and governor of the colony had the revolt succeeded.

In a recent visit to Palawan last month, former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile said they never recovered the remains of Damaso, his grandfather, in Palawan.

Outbreak

During the American regime, Iwahig became one of the six barangays of Puerto Princesa.

Except for 1905 when four inmates captured and chained penal superintendent Dr. J. W. Madara that led to radical changes in the management of the colony, peace and order in the Iwahig Penal Colony improved until the 1940s.

The book, "Puerto Princesa During The Second World War," acknowledged that the penal colony and Puerto Princesa "had a symbiotic relationship which is not found elsewhere." Iwahig, it said, was "easily the source of vegetables, fruits, fish, meat for the market at Puerto Princesa. It was the social center for festivities and celebrations . . ."

During the Second World War, Iwahig played a significant role in Puerto Princesa. When Japanese soldiers landed by motorboat in Iwahig on May 18, 1942, Japanese Commanding General Sato demanded peaceful surrender and asked for accommodation in the colony.

Evacuees

Historical reports said that during the early years of the war, government officials and residents sought refuge in Iwahig. When the American liberation forces landed on Puerto Princesa on Feb. 28, 1945, more than 5,000 civilian evacuees were sheltered in the penal colony.

"For a time, Iwahig enjoyed recognition for the meritorious services of its officials and inmates rendered to Puerto Princesa and its residents during those dark and traumatic days of the Second World War," states the book, "Puerto Princesa during the Second World War."

Historical reports also documented that more than 200 political prisoners and officials who worked under the Japanese-sponsored government in Manila were brought to Iwahig, in the custody of the American military police.

Among the prominent officials of the Commonwealth government who were brought there were then Chief Justice Jose Yulo, Sen. Vicente Madrigal, Defense Secretary Teofilo Sison, National Assembly Speaker Quintin Paredes and many Cabinet members during the Japanese regime.

A general amnesty was later given to the political prisoners and enabled them to return to Manila and resume their functions in the government.

During their exile, General Douglas MacArthur visited their barracks.

Livelihood

When the war ended, the agricultural development of Iwahig began. From the original area of 41,000 hectares of land, it now covers 28,000 hectares. Two-thirds of the area is still primary forest.

Rice is produced from lowland paddies irrigated by numerous springs and rivers. Corn is produced as a supplementary crop, along with vegetables.

However, Iwahig's main source of income is copra, along with handicrafts produced by the inmates.

"Only 150 hectares, out of more than 300 hectares of rice fields, are now being cultivated due to lack of agricultural machineries and prisoners," said Resurrecion Puno, Iwahig penal supervisor.

He added that the 70 cavans of rice harvest per cropping was not enough to meet the needs of the colony, which has 1,800 prisoners—down from the 8,000 brought to Iwahig when Puno started working there 26 years ago.

Puno is optimistic that the 10 new hand tractors from the central office of the Bureau of Corrections will enable them to reach their target of self-sufficiency in rice.

The thrust now of Iwahig is to improve its agricultural capability to increase income and help other penal colonies in the country, he said.

Due to lack of budget, enough clothing and beddings of the inmates are no longer provided, which explains the civilian clothes of the inmates.

Status

"Only able-bodied medium security status prisoners are brought to Iwahig," said Puno. He also clarified that "medium security" prisoners are screened by the Reception and Diagnostic Center (RDC) where their behavior is observed and their cases studied for 60 days.

After a prisoner has gone through the RDC, which recommends whether a prisoner needs medium or maximum security, only medium-security prisoners are assigned to penal colonies while the maximum-security or high-risk ones stay at the national penitentiary in Muntinlupa City.

New inmates are quartered in medium-security barracks for about six months and oriented in aspects of "free" prison life before they are assigned to the different sections that need manpower.

Resident inmates who breach the rules and regulations are usually sent back to the barracks for disciplinary "reorientation."

Puno revealed that the rate of escape incidents in Iwahig was very low. From January to October, six inmates escaped and three were immediately captured because of the strong coordination between prison authorities and officials in adjacent barangays.

The medium security prisoners are required to work five to six hours a day in the 150-hectare rice fields, while the minimum security ones are free to engage in livelihood activities.

Aside from farm work and income-generating activities, the penal farm has formal, non-formal and informal education programs to hasten the rehabilitation of prisoners. Informal education includes sports and religious activities.

Community service

Last Oct. 10, the House committee on justice, chaired by Rep. Marcelino Libanan, inspected Iwahig in connection with the possibility of enacting a law against minor offenses that can be "punishable" by community service.

The proposed legislation could decongest jails and reduce government expenses for food and shelter to the inmates, Libanan said.

House Bill No. 1602 proposes to set up community work camps for prisoners serving sentences of up to six months where they can participate in agriculture, livelihood and environmental rehabilitation projects.

On the other hand, House Bill No. 997 proposes community service as an alternative penalty for minor offenses.

"Iwahig can be one of the models where we have seen the inmates doing a lot of productive work like farming and livelihood activities," said Libanan.

Laguna town hatches 'Itik Festival'

By Romulo Ponte
Victoria, Laguna

VICTORIA in Laguna, which claims to be the "New Pateros" of the Philippines, is holding its First Annual Duck Festival during this week's celebration of its 53rd founding anniversary (Nov. 11-15), highlighting the town's *itik* (duck) industry.

Among the festival activities tomorrow will be a parade of floats by schools and barangays, a dance contest among students wearing duck costumes, and street dancing.

Then President Elpidio Quirino created an erstwhile barrio of Pila town, some 90 kilometers south of Manila, into a municipality on Nov. 15, 1949 when he issued Executive Order No. 282 and named the place Victoria after a daughter.

Victoria, which used to be called Barrios Nanhaya and San Roque (the poblacion), hosted the first rendezvous between American forces and Filipino guerrillas holding headquarters in the strategic coastal community.

One of the oldest churches in the country was established in the town during the Spanish period.

Mayor Renato "Ato" Rebong said the Duck Festival, the first of its kind in the province, hoped to boost the duck-raising industry's pivotal role in the economic life of the town residents.

Victoria (pop.: 27,000), has all the reasons to highlight the industry that has made it one of the country's leading producers of duck eggs, *balut* (incubated duck egg) and salted eggs.

The local duck industry, which began in 1968, is now a multimillion-peso undertaking that has brought wealth to its 50 big duck raisers and livelihood to thousands of its residents. The combined sales of raw duck eggs alone bring P1.6 million daily for the producers.

With a land area of about 30 square kilometers, Victoria has an annual income of about P8.1 million. Considered a fifth-class town in 1994, it is now considered one of the developing towns in the province.

Among the pioneers in the duck industry are the elderly couple, Napoleon "Naning" Dator Sr., 78, a native of Victoria, and Lourdes "Oding" Aspiras, 72, who was born in Los Baños town. The Dators have been in the business for about four decades and their venture has evolved into a P1-million operation.

Asked about the secret of their success, Napoleon suggested "personal supervision."

"Don't cheat the ducks in terms of care and food. Feed them well on time and with adequate amount of feeds so they will reward you with more eggs and money," Dator said.

Provincial veterinarian Leoncio Rebong Jr., who hails from Victoria and is himself a long time duck raiser, advised prospective investors to be aware of the reality that like all businesses, their endeavor will have its share of successes and failures.

Rebong recalled that when he started his business several decades ago, many others embarked on the same undertaking. "Now, only a few of us have remained. Management and supervision, like any other businesses, usually are the big factors affecting both the failure and success of duck-raising," he said.

Danilo and Angeline Reyes, a couple who started with a P6,000 capital and only 200 ducks in 1985, have become millionaires. They now have 10,000 ducks. "There is plenty of money in the industry," they said.

The Reyeses are now among the many thriving big-time duck raisers in town who have survived in the industry and are capable of supplying duck products anywhere in the country and abroad.

THIS giant itik monument near the Victoria-Calauan-Bay boundary in Laguna suggests that Victoria is now one of the biggest sources of duck eggs in the country. ROMULO PONTE

Clarissa O: Erap signed 'Jose Velarde' 15 times

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value of the peso and the stock market index "soared" following her testimony.

He suggested that Ocampo, then Equitable-PCIBank senior vice president, decided to go public about "Jose Velarde" to stem the "heavy withdrawals" triggered by the mention of the controversial account at the impeachment trial.

But Ocampo blocked the lawyer's line of questioning with her insistence that she was "never aware" of such heavy withdrawals during that November-December period.

No congratulations

Ocampo—who, after Dec. 22, 2001, flew to Singapore on the 24th to "rest" and returned only on the 30th—said no when asked whether her colleagues "congratulated" her for saving the bank and the Philippine economy in general as a result of her testimony.

She also maintained that she could competently assess the bank's performance at the time only with respect to trust accounts, she being its trust officer.

But Crescini found this hard to buy, noting her high position in the bank.

He also tried to press her to admit that her "only basis" for claiming that Estrada was "Jose Velarde" was the singular act of signing the documents.

But she said she already had an "inkling" that it was Estrada on the night before the signing, when she met Chua at a cocktail party marking the birthday of then bank chair George Go.

She said it was Go who introduced Chua to her, and that in her conversation with the two men that night, she was told "somebody from Malacañang" who was "close to Gatchalian" wanted to open a trust account with the bank.

But in reply to a question from Justice Edilberto Sandoval, Ocampo said she did not encounter the name "Jose Velarde" on the night of Feb. 3, when she was preparing standard forms to be signed the next day in Malacañang per arrangements made by Chua.

The forms—involving the "trust" side of the transaction, with no "Jose Velarde" typewritten on any of the pages—consisted of the investment management agreement, signature cards, investment guidelines, and directional letter of investment, she said.

Sealed envelope

Ocampo said that on the next day at around 9:30 a.m., as she was about to leave for Malacañang along with Curato, bank officer Beatriz Bagsit handed her a "sealed envelope."

It turned out to contain the fifth and last set of documents to be signed by Estrada—the debit-credit authorization, the only one with the name "Jose Velarde" typewritten on it.

Ocampo said the authorization represented the "banking" side of the transaction, which determined the "medium" in which the trust account would be funded.

She said Go told her at the cocktail party that the person who would open the trust account "already has an existing account" with the bank.

In past hearings, prosecutors identified Bagsit as the division head of the bank's Makati City operations who facilitated the transfer of P200 million to the account of the Erap Muslim Youth Foundation upon instructions of lawyer Edward Serapio, now Estrada's co-accused.

The P200 million was allegedly part of Estrada's "jueteng" payola collections.

Crescini repeatedly asked Ocampo if she peeked inside the envelope en route to Malacañang and saw the name "Jose Velarde" before meeting with Estrada.

She said no, then conceded: "The truth is, I already forgot all about it."

Crescini was visibly pleased at the reply.

Ocampo maintained that she opened the envelope only after Estrada had signed all the "trust" documents.

Asked by Sandoval why she did not ask Estrada why he signed another name, Ocampo said she could have done so had the two of them been alone. With Lacquian and Chua present, she said, "I thought it was improper (of) me to do that."

But she said she was "shocked and surprised."

"It was the President, it was a substantial amount—and he used another name," she said, adding that this was what prompted her not to "authenticate" the signature cards on the spot.

Ocampo, now a "consultant" of the bank that she has served since 1981, walked into the courtroom at around 9:50 a.m.

Crescini will continue the cross examination on Monday.

PLDT: No deal between phone firm and Imelda

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75-25 deal between the government and the dictator's heirs regarding the Marcos assets.

Under that controversial deal, the government was to get 75 percent of the assets, and the family, 25 percent.

Haydee Yorac, chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, said Tuesday that the P2-billion settlement was likely related to the PLDT case.

Yorac told lawmakers deliberating on the PCGG budget that Imelda had "actually intervened" in the case, and expressed the hope that the Supreme Court would compel the former first lady to explain this.

The PCGG received by mail in May a copy of a letter from two lawyers of the Ponce Enrile Reyes and Manalastas law firm seeking payment from Imelda of 5-percent attorney's fees based on 75 percent, instead of 100 percent, of the settlement amount.

Marcelo confirmed on Monday that the undated "confidential" letter bearing his and Eleazar Reyes' signatures was authentic. However, he claimed that it was just a "form letter" and not about any particular settlement.

When asked about the matter again on Tuesday, Marcelo claimed that the settlement at issue was the 75-25 deal. But he stressed that his law firm had nothing to do with the deal that the PCGG tried to broker under its then chair, Magtanggol Gunigundo.

Asked again for clarification yesterday, Marcelo said his law firm was involved in negotiations on the 75-25 deal during the Estrada administration, with then PCGG Chair Magdangal Elma.

At that time the deal had already been voided by the courts, but "negotiations continued with the government, with the PCGG during the time of Chairman Elma," in hopes that there could be a way to make the arrangement valid, he said.

5% of 25%

If Marcelo's statements were to be believed, the 75-25 deal was what he and Reyes were referring to when they wrote the first paragraph of the letter to Imelda:

"We have agreed to base our 5 percent attorney's fees on only 75 percent instead of 100 percent of the settlement amount. Please find enclosed our revised schedule of payment."

Did that mean then that the lawyers wanted to get 5 percent of 75 percent of the 25-percent share of the Marcoses under the deal?

Marcelo answered that it was another separate figure. He did not elaborate.

The tenor of the rest of the letter was as if there were a "committed" settlement: "On this particular matter, for which our 5 percent contingent fee will be paid, we shall continue our services to ensure that the payment schedule committed by the other party shall be complied with, and to seek an accelerated payment of the full settlement amount.

"We also agree that, henceforth, our contingent fees on other matters shall be the subject of separate agreements, on a case to case basis."

Following Marcelo's story, this would mean that the government was already committed to pay the Marcoses 25 percent under a void deal.

Marcelo, however, said that Imelda had rejected the letter, and that the 75-25 deal had been declared void by the Supreme Court.

But Cherry Cobarrubias, a longtime Marcos loyalist whose relationship with Imelda has turned sour, insisted that the settlement actually involved the PLDT case.

Cobarrubias said the Marcos lawyers would find it difficult to explain the coincidences in the letter that Marcelo had confirmed as authentic, the complex route taken by the PLDT case, and eventually the P2 billion that the former first lady supposedly received in five tranches starting in December 2001 until last month.

Imelda herself has kept silent on the cash allegedly delivered to her in boxes.

Political will

At the House, Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran said President Macapagal-Arroyo should state her position on the issue because the supposed P2 billion belonged to the people.

"The Executive should not remain mum on this matter," the party-list representative said. "There should be a strong show of political will here, and it's not enough that it's only the PCGG that's showing the guts in standing up to Imelda."

Beltran said not only Ms Macapagal but also all the concerned agencies involved in the prosecution of the Marcos cases such as the Department of Justice, the Supreme Court and the Office of the Ombudsman, as well as other individuals involved in the supposed settlement, should speak up.

"For all intents and purposes the money that's being discussed here actually belongs to the Filipino people," he said. "The wealth that Imelda enjoyed and continues to enjoy is the just property of the Filipino people whom she, her husband the former dictator, and his cronies plundered from the country during their 20-year rule."

Beltran noted that there could be first-hand witnesses willing to testify.

"This is yet another chance for justice to finally win out against the Marcoses," he said. "For the sake of the victims and survivors of martial law, for the sake of the rest of the Filipino people whose intense poverty the Marcoses helped exacerbate in their 20-year rule, the Macapagal administration should not let this chance go to waste." *With a report from Gerald G. Lacuarta*

LaoagAir owner's claim of sabotage irks 3 solons

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flight," said the senator. His father, President Ramon Magsaysay, was killed in a plane crash.

Magsaysay called for an independent investigation of the crash, saying the ATO might not be able to render an impartial report. He proposed that the government seek the help of the National Bureau of Investigation and its US counterpart, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, "to expedite the investigation of the crash."

ATO chief Adelberto Yap on Tuesday said testimony of the plane's co-pilot and a video footage taken by an amateur cameraman showed that the right propeller was not turning as the aircraft went down. Australian Steve Thompson said he saw smoke coming out of the left engine just before the pilot told him and the other passengers to brace for impact.

But Yap on Wednesday voiced doubts it was sabotage. "We'll look into this, but this is highly unlikely," he said.

An executive of the Dutch aircraft maker Fokker said the plane's engine would not just conk out. "We will have to check exactly what happened to the engine," Fokker executive Chris de Valle told reporters.

Upon instructions of President Macapagal-Arroyo, Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza yesterday formed a board of inquiry that would look into the crash of Laoag International Airline Flight 585.

Mendoza gave the committee, headed by Transportation Undersecretary Arturo T. Valdez, 15 days to investigate the cause of the crash and determine the culpability, if any, of LaoagAir, Air Transportation Office and Civil Aeronautics Board.

The board, made up of DOTC experts as well as representatives of the Philippine Air Force and other airlines, have until Nov. 30 to submit its findings and recommendations "to prevent a recurrence of the crash," Mendoza said in a memo.

Main part retrieved

Coast Guard salvage workers on Wednesday retrieved the main part of the plane that crashed into Manila Bay, allowing inspection of the wreckage to begin.

On Tuesday, rescuers recovered the last five bodies from the crash site, bringing the final death toll to 19, including five Australians and three Britons. Fifteen people, including two Australians, survived the crash of the Fokker 27 plane.

LaoagAir Flight 585 took off at 6:07 a.m. Monday from the Manila Domestic Airport with 34 people on board. The plane bound for Laoag City lost contact with the control tower three minutes later.

Yap said investigators from the ATO, the British engine company Rolls Royce, and Dutch aircraft maker Fokker would begin inspecting the wreckage. The aircraft broke apart and sank in about 15-20 meters of water.

"They are going to make a cursory inspection and at the same time they will try to retrieve" the flight data and voice recorders, Yap said.

Two days after the crash, the salvage team, using huge cranes and ropes, was able to lift the main body of the aircraft from Manila Bay onto a barge.

The nose and one of the propeller blades were damaged as the wreckage was loaded onto the barge. The rear portion of the plane, which contains the flight data and voice recorders, has not yet been recovered.

Yap said the recorders would be sent to the United States or Europe for transcription once they are found.

He said investigators were focusing on the possibility that one of the plane's engines failed.

The President yesterday directed Mendoza to conduct his own investigation of the crash.

"I told Larry Mendoza this morning that the investigation must be elevated to his level. So he's creating a board (of investigators) at his department," she told Palace reporters.

"People want to know what happened as soon as possible, and they want an objective investigation."

She said there must be a "bigger distance between the investigators and those that run the day-to-day affairs" of the ATO.

Ms Macapagal said a C-130 military plane would transport the crash victims and their families to their homes in Batanes since LaoagAir planes had been grounded.

She said Mendoza did the right thing when he suspended LaoagAir's operations. "I support my (transportation) secretary's technical recommendation," she said. *Reports from Norman Bordadora, Rocky Nazareno, Christine O. Avendaño, Dona Pazzibugan, Abigail Ho, and AP*

Lacson tags Perez, says Jimenez witness

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tinian firm Industrias Metalurgicas Pescarmona C. A. (Impsa), according to Lacson.

'Same source'

In his speech, Villarama did not name the source of his information. Lacson admitted that he and Villarama had the "same source."

Lacson identified the source as Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez, the former presidential adviser on Latin affairs, who had been working on behalf of Impsa to have the contract signed by the Estrada administration. But Perez maintained that Villarama's exposé was not the same one exposed by Sen. Panfilo Lacson last year.

Lacson recounted that the $14 million had actually been dangled by persons representing Impsa as early as the Estrada administration so that the $470-million contract to build-rehabilitate-operate-transfer the Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan hydroelectric plant (CBK) would be signed.

Erap turned down contract

"President Estrada turned the contract down even after some parties told him, 'Boss, there's something in this for us'," Lacson said.

Lacson added that when the Impsa-CBK contract was first presented to Estrada, the latter asked then Justice Secretary Artemio Tuquero to study the contract and this was when the $14-million offer was made.

He added that it was to Estrada's credit that he refused to sign the allegedly onerous contract.

Lacson underscored that "Estrada is the only President who did not sign any energy contract that would result in additional PPA (purchased power adjustment)."

After only 4 days in power

But Lacson noted that "only four days after the Macapagal-Arroyo administration took over on Jan. 20, 2001, the Impsa-CBK contract was signed."

Perez, two days after assuming office, came out with a legal opinion paving the way for the turnover of the 7,500-megawatt Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan power plant to Impsa.

Lacson said the first transfer of the alleged payoff came on Feb. 23 and, two days after, Perez allegedly flew to Hong Kong with his brother-in-law Ernest Escaler who was allegedly fronting for the justice secretary.

He said the Coutts Bank account was under the name of Escaler and a certain Ramon Arceo.

Lacson added the alleged $2-million account maintained by Perez at the Coutts Bank AG in Hong Kong has already been closed and the funds transferred to Hang Seng Bank, also in the former British colony.

"That may be something that Rep. Willie Villarama doesn't know. That the money has already been transferred to Hang Seng," he said.

In his speech, Villarama had said that the P2 million was wired to an account transferred from the Trade and Commerce Bank in Uruguay to the Cabinet secretary's alleged bank account in the Coutts Bank.

Lacson likewise noted that not only $2 million but $2.25 million was deposited allegedly into Perez's account.

"The $250,000 was payment for the risk they took to launder the money," he said.

It's up to NBI

At the Palace where she lunched with reporters, President Macapagal said she is open to Villarama's suggestion for the National Bureau of Investigation to probe the Hong Kong bank account of the million-dollar man in her Cabinet.

But she added it would be difficult to open an investigation as names had not been provided by Villarama.

The President also urged Villarama, who was her chief of staff when she was vice president, to file a case. She refused to bite into the repeated reference by reporters to Perez as the million-dollar man.

The Presidential Anti-Graft Commission Chair Dario Rama has asked Villarama and Lacson to provide his office with the documents needed to probe the Cabinet official in question.

Jimenez in a fix

To bolster his claim that he was not the one being alluded to by Villarama, Perez told reporters that he is scheduled to meet with the congressman today and that, "It's illogical for him to ask for my assistance if I'm the one alluded to."

During a telephone conversation yesterday with Villarama, Perez said he was asked by the lawmaker if DOJ could admit his witness under the Witness Protection Program (WPP).

During his privilege speech, Villarama had said that his source was ready to come out in the open and tell all but on condition that he would be covered by the WPP.

Jimenez is currently facing extradition charges for illegal campaign contribution, mail fraud and tax evasion in the United States.

"If Jimenez comes out, he'll find himself in a fix. They were the ones who talked about that," Lacson said.

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JUST between us girls is Senate President Franklin Drilon who appears content to be where he is, between President Macapagal and Sen. Loren Legarda during the ceremonial signing of bills at the Palace on Wednesday. At left is Sen. Noli de Castro all by his lonesome, which could be his fate if a recent survey showing him to be a sure winner in the vice-presidential race is accurate. EDWIN BACASMAS

Alvarez will be first to get ax in revamp

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said these advisers would review policies and their implementation from "a distance."

"When you're immersed in the work, you're in the forest," she said. "They (council) will bring me back to my economic roots."

The INQUIRER first broke the story of an impending major revamp in the Macapagal Cabinet on Saturday designed, among others, to boost the sagging poll approval ratings of the chief executive.

The President, however, said: "It (revamp) happens as needed and not to meet a certain arbitrary deadline."

What about Alvarez?

When asked about a reported agreement with Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez that he would resign after he had secured the confirmation of his appointment before the bicameral Commission on Appointments,

the President claimed she was not aware of any such arrangement.

Asked if Alvarez was not stepping down and that even strong signals from the President had failed to make their mark on the intended target as some INQUIRER sources have said, Ms Macapagal said: "I'm not saying that."

During the same lunch, the President said she was appointing Amado Valdez, former head of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, to the the Visiting Forces Agreement Commission.

Ms Macapagal also announced that she offered Marilen Dinglasan, former chair of the Movie, Television, Review and Classification Board, a board seat either in Nayong Pilipno or the Philippine International Convention Center.

Courtesy resignations

The President said that she appreciated suggestions from legislators for her Cabinet officials to simply submit courtesy resignations in order to give her a free hand

Senate President Franklin Drilon had urged Cabinet members on Tuesday to submit courtesy resignations to allow the President to make changes in her Cabinet and improve her chances of winning in the 2004 presidential election.

Drilon said that he talked to a few Cabinet members who said they would file courtesy resignations by December to continue with the tradition started in the Aquino administration.

"This is not a matter of form, it is a matter of tradition," Drilon said.

He said he was happy by the positive response of some Cabinet members to his proposal.

"The rejection of the President of the courtesy resignation would be a reaffirmation by the President of the confidence and trust that she has reposed on a particular Cabinet member," he said.

Sources privy to Drilon's conversation with some Cabinet members said among those who promised to comply was Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose Lina.

Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza also said he had no qualms about handing over his courtesy resignation if asked by the President.

But Justice Secretary Perez said there was no need for courtesy resignations.

"We submit to the sound discretion of the President. The President can fire us anytime," Perez said.

Legit ambition

Asked if Cabinet members who will run in the 2004 elections should be the first to go, Drilon said it was up to the President to decide.

But he said he could not blame some Cabinet secretaries if they harbored political ambitions.

"Entertaining the ambition of being an elected official and joining the Senate is a legitimate ambition. What is wrong is if a Cabinet member would, without any scruples, use the facilities of his office to go around campaigning, conducting seminars.

Sen. Manny Villar said Cabinet secretaries should make a "great sacrifice" by tendering courtesy resignations in keeping with the tradition of giving the President an opportunity to review their performance and keep those who were doing well.

Gesture of humility

This gesture of humility, he said, might also improve the chances of the President in the presidential election since the polls indicate people were not satisfied with the performance of some Cabinet officials.

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay said the practice of tendering resignations should be observed at the end of each year so that the President would have an opportunity to retain good people and tap those who could bring luster to her Cabinet.

But opposition Sen. Gregorio Honasan said submitting courtesy resignations was just pro-forma.

Take bull by the horn

"That is done only by honorable men. Have the Cabinet members realized that some of them are admittedly non-performing assets?" Honasan asked.

"I think the initiative must come from the President. Take the bull by the horn and reorganize. That will send a very strong signal to the people that she is willing to institute good reforms in her administration," he added.

With reports from TJ Burgonio and Michael Lim Ubac

'Go easy on Nani'

By Juliet Javellana

GO easy on Nani.

A congressman, who asked not to be named, said President Macapagal-Arroyo made this request of Bulacan Rep. Willie B. Villarama last Tuesday before he delivered his privilege speech about an alleged million-dollar Cabinet member.

Villarama stopped short of identifying Justice Secretary Hernando "Nani" Perez as the official he was referring to. But he challenged Perez to investigate the mysterious account in Coutts Bank in Hong Kong where the $2 million was allegedly deposited.

The congressman said Villarama received a call from the President at around 2 p.m., two hours before the House session opened and Villarama spoke.

The congressman added that the President assured Villarama that Perez would meet with him to discuss his exposé.

The two men, who had long associations with Ms Macapagal, are set to meet at 7 o'clock tonight.

Villarama confirmed that he spoke with the President on Tuesday but declined to disclose details.

But he denied that the President told him to lay his hands off Perez, one of the President's closest allies. Villarama served as chief of staff when Ms Macapagal was vice president.

Villarama challenged the President to prove her seriousness in fighting corruption by ordering an investigation of the $2 million extortion.

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US cops arrest Pinoy linked to 31 sex attacks

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night following the outcome of the DNA tests.

Rathbun is being held without bail at the Long Beach City Jail. He is expected to be formally charged and arraigned on Wednesday.

His alleged victims were women aged between 30 and 80. He would sneak into their homes through an open window or unlocked door late at night or early in the morning, police said.

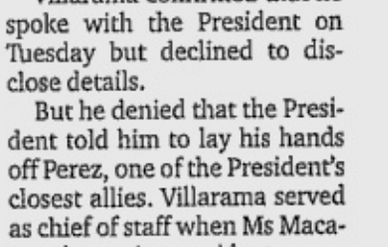
The LA Times quoted Deputy District Attorney Richard Goul as saying that it was not yet clear how Rathbun chose his victims. But Goul said investigators suspected that Rathbun could have planned the attacks in unlocked homes, given his apparent knowledge of the sites and his ability to escape swiftly.

Rathbun's mother on Tuesday apologized for her son, described in an AP report as "a drifter who often stayed with friends and bicycled through the beachside neighborhood."

"I cannot believe he did it, but the evidence said he did," AP quoted Alice Rathbun as saying. "On behalf of my son, I want to apologize to all these women who had this frightening experience."

Mrs. Rathbun, 73, said her only son—an only child whose father was killed in Vietnam in 1969—lived on and off with her. Rathbun told police he worked on a number of odd jobs like painting, delivering Christmas trees and bagging groceries at the Belmont Shore area.

The LA Times said Rathbun pleaded guilty to burglary and



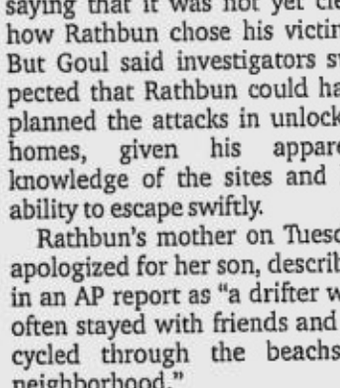
SUSPECTED serial rapist Mark Wayne Rathbun was arrested for 31 alleged rapes within a period of six years. ABC NEWS WEBSITE

false imprisonment 13 years ago in connection with a felony he committed at a woman's home in Long Beach. He served 10 months in jail and was given three years' probation.

Based on court documents, Rathbun sneaked through an open window of the woman's home about 2:30 a.m. on July 28, 1989, dressed only in underwear.

The woman said Rathbun, then 19, pinned her to the bed, ordered her not to scream and told her that he was just hungry. The woman, according to the LA Times, gave him flour tortillas, Popsicles and frozen turkey. Police arrested Rathbun hours later.

Records obtained by the LA Times also showed that Rathbun arrived in September 1984 from the Philippines and attended Roger Middle School for a year. He enrolled at Long Beach Polytechnic High School in September 1985 and dropped out two years later. He completed his high school education through the district's adult school in 1988.



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ALEJO INITIATIVE

Jun B asked to hold talks with players

By June Navarro

PBA Chair Francisco "Butch" Alejo yesterday asked PBA Commissioner Jun Bernardino to initiate talks with the players' association and clarify the group's intention of having a seat in the league's Board of Governors.

Alejo, who is also the president of Purefoods, said an official communication coming from the PBA players' association would be most welcome to open a dialogue between the board and the players' union.

"For starters, I have asked the commissioner to have a talk with the players so that we know what they want to take up with us," said Alejo.

Alejo said the players' association has to come forward and make the team owners understand the purpose of its request to occupy a seat in the board of governors.

"We have to understand exactly the purpose of their request to participate in the board and I'm sure that if they're valid, the board will keep an open mind," Alejo pointed out.

ALEJO

Alaska's Jojo Lastimosa, spokesperson of the players' union, said a written communication affirming their intentions would come in later, probably next week after the inquiry of Sen. Robert Barbers on the alleged presence of fake Fil-Americans in the PBA.

By that time, the players' union will begin mapping out its plans and hold an election of officers, whose tasks are to lobby for an office in the PBA commissioner's office, the transparency of the trust fund and a seat in the board, among others.

"We're one and the same. We're not opposing teams," said Alejo. "I think we will have to work together to make sure that nobody is shortchanged. At that, the PBA will continue to progress and grow in the coming years."

Speaking on behalf of the just-reactivated players' union, Lastimosa claimed the commissioner's office had kept them in the dark as to the actual accounting of the players' trust fund.

"We don't even know what bank the commissioner's office put our money," said Lastimosa.

PBA executive director Sonny Barrios, however, countered that the funds are open to scrutiny should the players' group asks for transparency.

JOHNNY Abarrientos (right): Coca-Cola playmaker. PDI PHOT

Tigers deal Express another setback

GAMES TOMORROW (*Ynares Center*)
5:30 p.m.–Talk N Text vs Red Bull
7:30 p.m.– Ginebra vs Shell

By June Navarro

COCA-COLA whipped Air21-Federal Express, 75-69, as the Tigers' scored another easy win last night in the Selecta-PBA All Filipino Cup at the Philsports Arena.

Reaping the dividends of an early breakaway, the Tigers were never really threatened except in the final four minutes when they relaxed a bit and allowed the Express to put a semblance of a fight.

From a 73-55 count, the Express managed to trim the deficit, 67-73, through rookie Renren Ritualo and Vergel Meneses, giving the Tigers a few scary moments.

Coca-Cola coach Chot Reyes then fielded his old reliables—Johnny Abarrientos, Poch Juinio and Rudy Hatfield—as the Tigers regained their composure and went on to register their fourth straight win after an initial loss.

In the second game, Andy Seigle scored 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds as Purefoods beat Alaska, 62-56. The Hotdogs improved to 3-2 while the Aces dropped to 2-3.

Scores:

COCA-COLA 75–Cariaso 18, Juinio 15, Antonio 12, Morano 10, Abarrientos 8, Hatfield 6, Reavis 4, Avenido 2, Abuda 0, Bolado 0, Manalo 0.

FEDEX 69–Ritualo 15, Bernardo 14, Meneses 14, Arboleda 12, Codinera 8, Billones 4, Pumaren 2, Realubit 0, Simon 0, De Ocampo 0.

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PCA OPEN QUALIFYING

Arcilla hurdles tennis rival

By Marc Anthony Reyes

JOSEPH Arcilla, younger brother of RP No. 1 Johnny Arcilla, easily bundled out Ignacio Sabas, 8-5, to move closer to outright berths yesterday in the 21st PCA Open men's singles at the Philippine Columbian Association courts.

The 18-year-old Arcilla, displaying traces of his brother's superb baseline game, can make it to the round of 36 with another victory today.

However, the youngest Arcilla, Jomar, was not as lucky as he bowed to Johan Guba, 8-6.

Others who made it to the next round were Aguel Buday who whipped Dennis Perida (8-2), Irvin Nicolas who bested Marvin Espina (8-6), Edu Manzano who edged Reynaldo Laroya (8-7, 8) and Jovan Divinagracia, who defeated Noel Mendoza (8-6).

Also beating their respective opponents were Jandrick de castro, RT Thomas Calingasa, Edward Larriosa, Menandro Econg, John Sabado, Maclean Barraquias, Jerry Nicol, Jordan Espina and Dindo Almeda.

The PCA Open also has simultaneous tourneys for seniors, age-group and ladies. Tournament proper starts Saturday.

ARCILLA prepares to return one against Sabas yesterday during the PCA Open men's singles qualifying round. Arcilla won, 8-5. ERIK ARAZAS

Hawks pad Lakers' losing streak to 4

LOS ANGELES–The Los Angeles Lakers suffered a 95-83 defeat at the hands of the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday, extending their losing streak to four games–their longest in 7 1/2 years.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Jason Terry scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half to lead the Hawks.

The three-time defending champion Lakers (2-6), who have played without star center Shaquille O'Neal all season, are off to their worst start through eight games in 36 years.

The losing streak ties the second-longest for Phil Jackson in his 12-plus seasons as Lakers head coach. The Chicago Bulls lost five in succession under Jackson from Feb. 26-March 6, 1994 and four straight in February 1990 and January 1995.

The Bulls won six championships under Jackson, who has guided the Lakers to three titles since becoming their coach before the 1999-2000 season.

The Lakers, who got 21 points from Kobe Bryant, hadn't lost four in a row since April 1995.

Sonics 101, Wizards 95

In Washington, Rashard Lewis scored a career-high 37 points as Seattle withstood a late rally led by Michael Jordan to defeat Washington.

Jordan scored 10 of the last 14 points for the Wizards, who cut an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit to one point before Lewis, Predag Drobnjak and Brent Barry made big shots to seal the victory.

Jordan scored a season-high 27 points on 13-for-22 shooting in 31 minutes for the Wizards, who had a three-game winning streak snapped. Larry Hughes had 19 points, five assists and four steals, while rookie Jared Jeffries had 14 points and eight rebounds, both career highs. *AP*

Complete results

Indiana 95, Cleveland 75; Toronto 115, Orlando 109; Seattle 101, Washington 95; Detroit 93, New Orleans 87; LA Clippers 101, Miami 82; Utah 108, New York 87

Solar telecast

SOLAR Entertainment Corp. presents two NBA games today. Minnesota meets New Orleans live at 9:30 a.m. on the Solar Sports Network (Channel 29 on Skycable and Homecable), with a replay at 9:30 p.m. The second game features Philadelphia against Boston at 7 p.m. on IBC-13.

SPORTSWATCH

LA center sacked for steroids use

LOS ANGELES–The Los Angeles Lakers' Mali-born reserve center, Soumaila Samake, was suspended for five games by the NBA on Tuesday for violating the league's steroids policy. Samake, 24, in his third NBA season, will not be paid during the suspension, which began with Tuesday night's game against Atlanta. The league and the NBA Players Association do not disclose details regarding the testing or treatment of players in the program, but Samake issued a statement saying he had taken a dietary supplement that contained Nandrolone, a substance banned by the NBA. He said he was unaware the supplement contained Nandrolone and that it wasn't listed on the product he used. *AP*

Grizzlies coach Lowe resigns

MEMPHIS, Tennessee–Sidney Lowe resigned as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday and was replaced by former NBA coach of the year Hubie Brown. The 69-year-old Brown takes over the only winless team in the league. Lowe's resignation came the day after the Grizzlies lost their eighth game, playing at home against the Golden State Warriors. "I wish the team well," Lowe said in a statement. "The Grizzlies have some good, young talent here, and they are going to be good in the future." Lowe was in his third season with the Grizzlies, who have never had a winning since the team began playing in 1995. The team moved to Memphis last year from Vancouver. *AP*

Interport Regatta in Nasugbu

THE TAAL Lake Yacht Club and Tali Beach teams are out for a rematch in Ford F-150's Tali Beach Interport Regatta scheduled Nov. 16-17 at the Tali Beach, Nasugbu, Batangas. The first Tali Regatta held some months ago with the TLYC team emerging victorious, was divided into the Open Regatta and the Interport Regatta both won by the TLYC team. An estimated 50 participants are expected. The competition will only involve the Interport Regatta. The two-day event, said Commodore Peter Capotosto, founder of Taal Lake Yacht Club, will be just as exciting as the first, with both teams poised to give their best to win the title.

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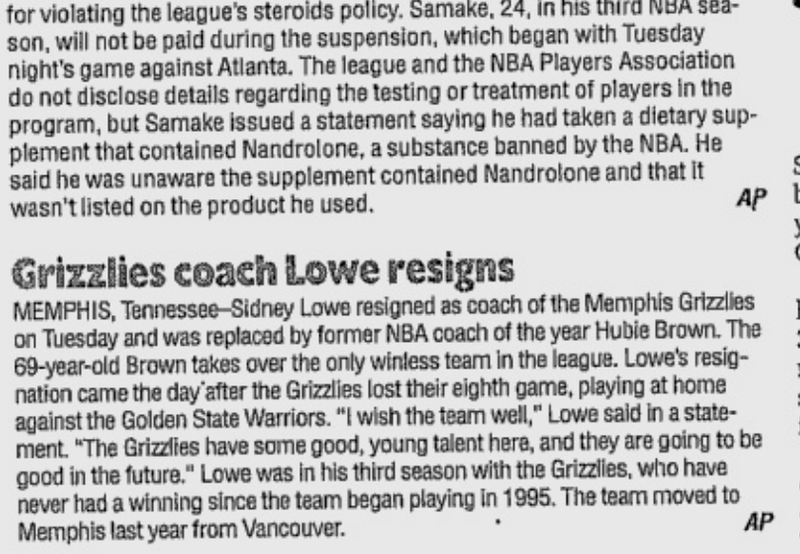

SAMPAGUITA CHAMP
Horse trainer Ruben Tupas (second from left), representing horse owner Patrick Uy, receives the 2002 Sampaguita Stakes championship trophy from Philracom chair Jimmy Dilag (third from left) following the wire-to-wire victory of What A Spell at the Santa Ana Park recently. Witnessing are PRCI's COO Ramon Ereñeta Jr. (extreme right) and Philracom commissioner Eduardo Jose (left).

Ex-age grouper gains 2nd round

By Marc Anthony Reyes

FORMER age-grouper Patricia Santos endured spunky Japanese Utako Suzuki to prevail, 6-4, 6-3, yesterday and barge into the second round of the $10,000 Union Cement ITF-Philippines Women's Circuit 2 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Santos, who came back to competitive tennis after finishing college, rallied from a 0-4 deficit in the first set, fighting off Suzuki lunge after lunge to eventually wear her opponent down and methodically take the next six games.

The 22-year-old Santos, a graduate of Home Economics at the University of the Philippines who is a wild card entry here, again allowed Suzuki to take a 2-0 lead before regaining her form to grab the upper hand at 3-2.

A member of the RP Federation Cup team who also reached the second round of the Asian championships in Uzbekistan last month, the petite Santos let the Japanese tie the score at 3-3 before wrapping up the next three games for the match in one hour.

She will face the winner of the match between No. 8 Chattida Thimjapo of Thailand and qualifier Lam Po-Kuen of Hong Kong who were still playing at presstime.

Earlier, Diana Julianto of Indonesia upset world No. 483 Napaporn Tongsalee of Thailand, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

A quarterfinalist in the $10,000 Mysore event in India last September, Julianto advanced to the next round against Korean Qualifier Lyoo-Suh Hae-Sun, who beat Spain's Julia Gandia, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

First leg champion Sania Mirza of India struggled to dispose of Thai Thassha Vitayaviroj, 6-0, 2-6, 7-6 (4) and make the next round against Kim Kilsdonk of Netherlands.

Hewitt defeats Costa

SHANGHAI, China–Australian Lleyton Hewitt figures he's over the toughest hurdle. Now it's Andre Agassi's turn.

"I think always your first match is pretty difficult," Hewitt said after beating Spain's Albert Costa, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, at the Tennis Masters Cup, beginning his bid to win consecutive season-ending championships. "I'm just glad to get my first match a win on the board." *AP*

Blu, Dazz aim share of top spot

GAMES TODAY *(Makati Coliseum)*
3 p.m.--John O vs Dazz
5 p.m.--Montaña vs Blu

By Dennis U. Eroa

BLU All-Purpose and Dazz seek a taste of the lead when they meet separate foes today in the PBL Challenge Cup at the Makati Coliseum.

The Detergent Kings debuted with a 93-75 demolition of the LBC-Batangas Blades, while the Dazz cagers now under the command of former Welcoat coach Junel Baculi, started their campaign by downing the ICTSI Archers, 81-73.

Victories by Blu and Dazz will enable them to tie solo leader Welcoat (2-0).

Six-foot-five Marlon Legaspi, Aris Dimaunahan, Arnold Calo and Eric de la Cuesta will lead Blu's attack against Montaña, which is sporting a 1-1 win-loss record.

Meanwhile, six teams have already confirmed their participation in a week-long National Basketball League (NBL) tournament slated from Dec. 2-7 at the Tinga Gym in Pasig.

Bemedalled Spring Cooking Oil-Malabon of Olympian Tac Padilla leads the cast which also includes ML Kuarta Padala, Davao Marsman, Forward Taguig, Cebuana Lhuillier and Air 21. Healthy Options may also compete.

Sanctioned by the BAP, the tournament is a prelude to the launching of a revitalized and comprehensive NBL season early January.

Coach Tito Palma of Spring Cooking Oil welcomed the return of the NBL, saying it's a big step towards basketball development.

St. Francis, LPC triumph

GAMES SUNDAY *(Makati Coliseum)*
1 p.m.--UV vs JRU
5 p.m.--UE vs USJ-R

ST. FRANCIS of Assisi, playing true to its top billing, trounced University of Mindanao, 61-46, yesterday and cruised to the quarterfinals of the Champion's League 2002 at the Makati Coliseum.

The Doves, the reigning national inter-collegiate and UCAA champions, stormed to a 30-11 spread early in the first quarter and never allowed the Wildcats to come within striking distance through their choking defense.

Dominating the boards and forcing the Wildcats to hurried shots, the Doves pulled away at 47-23 and went on to join early qualifiers FEU Tamaraws, UST Tigers, San Sebastian Stags and Ateneo Blue Eagles in the round of eight.

Lyndon Abian topscored for St. Francis with 10 points, but Roy Billanes was adjudged the game's best player with his well-rounded 9-point, 9-rebound, 1-assist, 1-steal output.

Las Piñas College banked on Ferdinand Daa's splendid showing to stun College of St. Benilde, 74-67, in the second game and also gain a quarterfinals slot. The 6-foot-3 Daa finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds. *Roy Luarca*

COLLEGE of St. Benilde's Julius Te (10) pulls up a jumper as Las Pinas College's John Paul Alcaraz (left) and Don Moderno (11) defend. Also shown is CSB's Archimedes David (19). ROGER MARGALLO

Spring, Lhuillier score vital wins

CEBU CITY–Spring Cooking Oil and M. Lhuillier scored contrasting victories Tuesday to virtually assure themselves of final slots in the CBL (Cebu Basketball League) Invitational Cup tournament at the Cebu Coliseum here.

Coach Tito Palma's Cooking Oil Masters blasted the University of San Jose-Recoletos Jaguars, 89-63, while the Jewellers subdued the University of the Visayas Green Lancers, 97-94.

It was the third straight win for Spring Cooking Cooking Oil and M. Lhuillier in the six-team tourney.

Even if they drop their two remaining games, the Cooking Oil Masters and the Jewellers are almost certain to dispute the title for the third time this year.

Scores:

SPRING 89–Manuel 23, Saygo 13, Ybanez 8, Limbo 8, Reyes 7, D. Bautista 6, Canoza 5, Buendia 4, Ricafuente 4, Corbin 3, T. Bautista 2, Lim 2, Garcia 2, Habelito 2.

USJ-R 63–Larong 22, Saladaga 13, Lozano 7, Arellano 5, Bensi 5, Limpangog 4, Clar 3, Sencil 3, Real 1.

Quarterscores: 28-21, 49-36, 69-51, 89-63.

Bettors charged with wire fraud

WHITE PLAINS, New York–Three former fraternity brothers were accused Tuesday of using telephone betting accounts and a computer to manipulate a bet that paid $3 million at the Breeders' Cup last month.

Derrick Davis of Baltimore, Glen DaSilva of New York and Chris Harn of Newark, Delaware, all 29, were charged in US District Court with conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

The men, who had been fraternity brothers at Drexel University in Philadelphia, surrendered to the FBI on Tuesday.

The defendants "bet that law enforcement would not catch them but that's a bet they could not fix," US Attorney James Comey said at a news conference.

Earlier, Davis and Harn appeared before Magistrate Judge Mark Fox. They did not enter a plea and were released on $200,000 personal recognizance. DaSilva's case was put off, possibly for later in the day.

Davis and Harn did not enter a plea after the wire fraud charge was read to them, and they were released on $200,000 personal recognizance.

Prosecutors said Davis tested positive for cocaine Tuesday and would be retested to confirm the results. His lawyer, Steven Allen, said his client "is dumbfounded" by the news.

Regarding the betting probe, Allen said, "My client's position is that he did nothing illegal and he's confident that after all the evidence is heard he will be found innocent of any wrongdoing."

Harn's lawyer, Daniel Conti, said "Chris maintains his innocence and nothing that happened today is going to change that."

According to the complaint, Davis used his automated Catskill regional Off Track Betting Corp. telephone account to place Pick Six bets in the Breeders' Cup, run Oct. 26 at Arlington racetrack near Chicago. To win the Pick Six, a bettor must pick the winner in each of six races. *AP*

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Buhain no-show irks House probers

By Marc Anthony Reyes

HOW can we help you if you don't show interest, let alone show up?

That's the overriding sentiment of the House Committee on Youth and Sports after Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain failed to attend yesterday's hearing on how the agency handled taxpayers' money.

Committee chair, Rep. Monico Puentevella yesterday said the committee is "disappointed" over Buhain's no-show because "so many questions were left unanswered."

PSC officials said Buhain is in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, to lead the inspection of the site of the Philippine National Youth Games-Batang Pinoy slated Dec. 1-7. Buhain can't be reached through his cell phone when the INQUIRER called up.

The PSC chair instead sent commissioner Butch Ramirez and deputy executive director for finance Ed Mateo, who, according to Puentevella, failed to discuss the nitty-gritty of the agency's expenditures in the recent Busan Asian Games and for the rest of the year.

The PSC officials claimed that the agency spent P37 million for the Busan Games. However, they failed to explain adequately how the money was spent.

"We want to know how they money was divided over the national sports associations," said Puentevella. "If they are not ready, they should at least ask for a re-schedule."

Ironically, Buhain's wife, Batangas Rep. Aileen Ermita-Buhain, was present in the committee hearing also attended by Rep. Harry Angping, among others.

Puentevella said he will call another hearing within the next two weeks precisely to know how the PSC's budget for each NSA and its budget for 2003.

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Marave a victory short of history

JUST one more win and defending champion Pepon Marave will go down in motorsports history as the first karter to win a third Karter of the Year crown.

And that's what Marave, the Futura lead driver, has in mind as he tries to ward off equally strong Formula-A rivals in the penultimate leg of the 2002 Shell Karting Super Series on Nov. 16-17, at the Carmona Circuit Philippines.

"This has been a tougher season compared to last year. This is the best opportunity to achieve an unprecedented feat and I'm not going to let it slip off my hands," said Marave.

Ninoy hosts taekwondo

THE COUNTRY'S 14 and under taekwondo jins will take center stage on Nov. 16-17 with the staging of the 2002 Milo national age group taekwondo championships at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

According to Philippine Taekwondo Association president Robert N. Aventajado, competition will be conducted in boys' novice, advance and blackbelt and girls novice and advance.

Each division will be divided into the following height classes: not exceeding 4 feet, over 4 feet and not exceeding 4-3, over 4-3 and not exceeding 4-6, over 4-6 and not exceeding 4-9, over 4-9 and not exceeding 5 feet, over 5 feet and not exceeding 5-3 and over 5-3.

Around 1,500 14-and-under jins from all affiliated schools, chapters and branches in Metro Manila and other key cities and provinces, including military and police dependents, are expected to participate.

The tourney is part of PTA's grassroots program, says PTA vice president Sung Chon Hong, "It is important for young boys and girls to show new techniques and styles at an early age," said Hong.

Martial arts enthusiasts and sports aficionados, especially children who are interested to learn the sport, are invited to watch the two-day tourney.

Luzon stag series today

THE LUZON Gamecock Breeders Association 3rd Stag Series 2002 6-Stag Derby championship round starts today at the Mandaluyong Coliseum, with more than 50 quality fights on tap.

Eleven cockers from a field of 43 participants posted two victories each in last Tuesday's elimination round.

The frontrunners are Boyet Sison (PSJ Gamefarm), Pete Rodriguez and Joey Lapid (RM Coffee King), lawyer Romero Yu and Joseph Chua (Jopete Ray Showdown), Maj. Bobby Doromal (Buddy and Bob II), Dong Chung and William Go (Liberty Gold Cup), Rep. Lawrence Wacnang (EDL Crowsland Excellence I), Blandy Tolentino (San Pablo Heat II), Tony Boy Tabora and Jay Sobrepeña (Tuba Big Bird II), Ricky Castillo (Purple Haze Arnis Master E-68 III), Raymond Velayo and Sandy Javier (Purple Haze Arnis Master E-68 II) and Bobby Del Rosario/Peter Uy/Emoy Gorgonia (Mangzee Jediking Mountaineer II).

Meanwhile, the LGBA 4th Stag Series 7-Stag Derby Championship Round will be held Nov. 19 and 21 at Mandaluyong Coliseum.

The LGBA Breeder of the Year 2002 will also be crowned next week, according to LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz.

Interested parties may contact 531-4003, 531-4005, 535-2341 and 534-4110 for details.

Sta. Barbara derby set

THE STA. Barbara Town Fiesta 4-cock derby will be held on Dec. 2 at the Cavalier's Arena in Cabanatuan, Iloilo.

Lawyer Jessie Sullano is host of the event supported by Thunderbird Power Feeds and Univet Agricultural Products, Inc.

The next event is the 3-Cock Pre-Christmas Derby on Dec. 6 at the Maasin City Recreational Center in Sitio Villa, Bgy. Combado, Maasin City.

Thunderbird is also the major sponsor of the Panay Gamefowl Breeders Association 5th Annual 5-Cock Derby on Dec. 12-14 which promises a guaranteed cash prize of P1,000,000 for an entry fee of only P10,000. For other details, call Ricoy Palmares 033-3382374 or Isidro Sazon at 033-3205154.

Also calendared are the Gallera de Margos 3-Cocker at Zamboanga del Sur on Dec. 7; the 4-Cock Pre-Fiesta Derby at Villanueva Sports Center also on Dec. 7; the 3-Cock Derby set at Sta. Isabel Cockpit Arena on Dec. 10 hosted by Dr. de la Rosa, Engr. Cabagyo and HR Farm Rayos; the 4-Cock Derby in Pateros Cockpit on Dec. 10 hosted by Engr. Romy Echapare, Polly Tanga & Friends.

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Bagtas, pal U-Bix leaders

SILANG, Cavite–Teacher and student played nice music together as Eddie Bagtas and his Korean ward posted a four-shot margin yesterday at the start of the 2nd U-Bix Riviera National Pro-Am at Riviera's Couples.

They struck but one discordant note, bogeying 11 on a missed green as the duo fired nines of 34-36 in the bright sunshine for a 2-under-par 70.

Bagtas has been Kim Chang Hoi's teaching pro for six years now at Mimosa and their chemistry made them the only pair among 55 duos to break par.

Marlon Dizon and Bones Floro shot a 74 to earn a deadlock for second with Arnaldo Gomez and Peter Elardo in the P1-million event bankrolled by U-Bix Corporation's big boss Bert Bravo.

Defending champion Noli Kempis and Erwin Vinluan needed three birdies in the last five holes to rescue a 76 in the four-day series that stakes a Toyota Altis 1.8 as a hole-in-prize at No. 6.

Tied at 77 were Kenji Yamaoka and Marvin Dumandan and Benjie Magada and Arnold Duay.

A touch of drama rented the air as Riviera's golf director Lewis Rissman returned to action, partnering with Bobby Celestino to shoot a 78.

They were tied with five other pairs in the event whose format calls for a twosome to hit one ball aternately until it is holed.

Bagtas and Kim started hot, birdieing the par-5 second on a gimme after Kim's wedge shot from 35 yards.

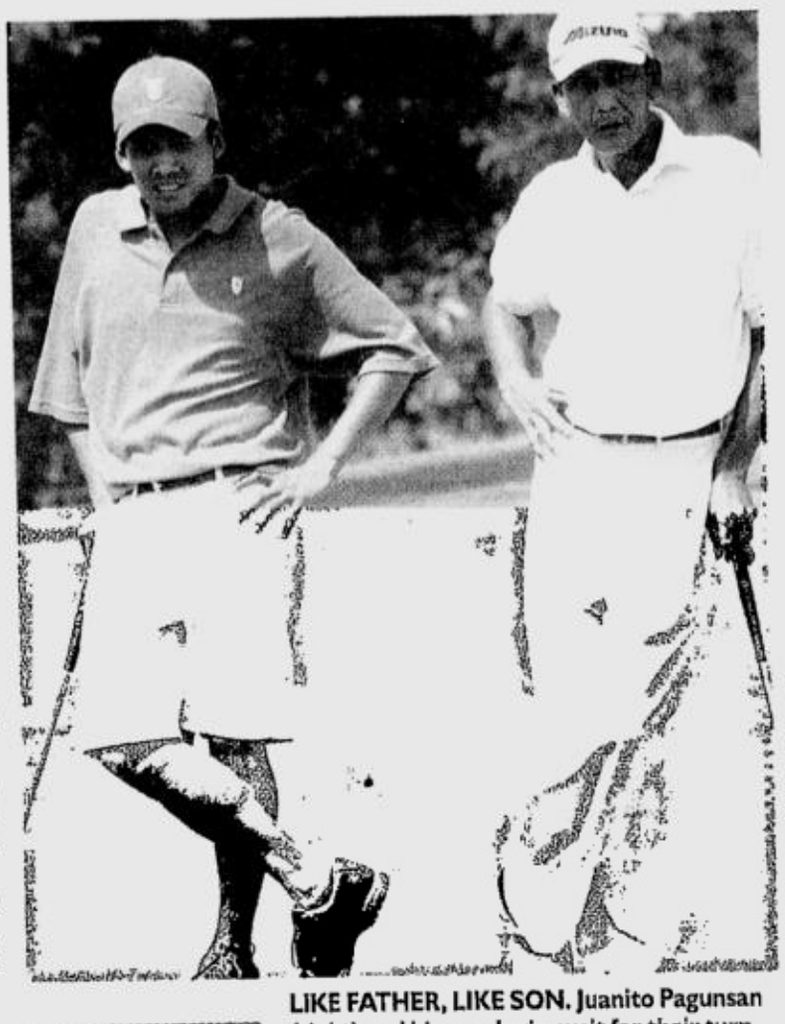
They nailed their second birdie when Bagtas sank a 35-footer on the 9th, before Kim complemented that with his 7-foot birdie on No. 10.

After the bogey on 11, Bagtas and Kim parred the last seven holes, scrambling for par on the par-3 17th after a missed green.

Angelo Que, the newly turned pro who placed third in the recent World Amateurs but was cut in his pro debut last week, was at 79 in tandem with Shean Bedi.

In a break from traditon, the cut-off will be made after tomorrow's 54 holes.

Al S. Mendoza



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON. Juanito Pagunsan (right) and his son, Juvic, wait for their turn during yesterday's first round of the U-Bix Riviera National Pro-Am. JESS YUSON

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79--R. Garalde-J. Laput, V. Lascuna-T. Tabanas, R. Marabe-R. Torrecampo, A. Que-S. Bedi, E. Salvador-J. Ruiz, M. Siodina-D. Sumampong.

80--A. Cruz-B. Bakunawa, R. Diocares-JReyes, C. La'O, F. delos Santos, R. Sasutil-E. Lim, O. Sumcad-M. Carr.

81--C. Ababa-P. Tanchi, R. Bisera-P. Tugade, J. Casas-B. Saragoza, R. Casas-P. delos Santos, T. Lascuna-T. Escano, P. Minoza-W. Amper, C. Nival-J. Bernis, G. Olaybar-T. Ozeki, Z. Salvador-J. Bayron, N. Tugot-B. Jaraula, A. Villavicencio-F. Aunzo.

82--R. Antonio-M. Naval, W. de Tomas-S. Lasam.

83--C. Casas-A. Ignacio, J. Castro-Lee SK, D. delos Santos-Park SH, R. Enema-E. Arceo, B. Utchingco-M. Gruba, D. Umadhay-F. Tienzo.

Chua grabs lead at WW

FANCIED Heidi Chua registered her best tournament score so far of six-under-par 66 equivalent to 60 Molave points yesterday to storm ahead by eight points after the penultimate round of the 1st Manila Ladies Amateur Open at Wack Wack West.

Upstaged by the unheralded Lora Roberto in the first round, Chua took control after she went on a birdie spree at her home course, picking up seven including four in a five hole span from the seventh.

With a 113 total for 36 holes, Chua tees off today way ahead of Malaysia world amateur teammate Aileen Yao who was at 105 after rounds of 54-51. Asian Gamer Carmelette Villaroman was third at 104 (51-53).

Ex-pro Divina Delasin could only score 51-45-97 and was in eighth spot.

Malarayat, Riviera pace Tradition

NEWCOMERS Mt. Malarayat and Riviera exploited their home course advantage to the hilt as host venues for the first two days to take the top two positions going into today's final round of the eight The Tradition tournament at Manila Southwoods.

Mt. Malarayat banked on the strong showing of their Team 2 composed of Michael Mendoza, Boycee Arguelles and Val Plata to amass 63.5 points after two rounds and bring a six-point lead over Riviera into the final 18 holes of action.

Mt. Malarayat's Team 2 so far has the best score of 24 points out of 24 fielded by the 12 clubs competing in the event that is championing the purist approach in golf where nothing but club and individual pride is at stake.

Riviera's steady performance in all three divisions including Team 1 and Seniors gave the Silang golfers the runner-up position another 8.5 points clear of the three-peat seeking Sta. Elena.

Sta. Elena needs a big improvement from its senior crew which is in sixth place overall to keep its hope alive.

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Curfew starts today

AMID opposition by a militant youth group, the Manila city government yesterday said it will enforce the daily curfew for minors starting today. Under the curfew ordinance, youths aged 17 and below are banned from the streets from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. the next day. Weekdays and holidays are included in the ban. *Jerome Aning*

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■ Gang wars rage in Caloocan /A24

Minister found dead

By Alcuin Papa

PROTESTANT Minister Rev. Andrew Villamor Sacuy-Ap always talked about death to friends.

The other night, Sacuy-Ap, 62, a native of Tandian, Mountain Province, and a resident Bonifacio Street, Lemery, Batangas was found hanging from the comfort room of a hotel in Quezon City.

According to PO2 Greg Maramag of the Central Police District Criminal Investigation Unit, the body of Sacuy-Ap, a minister of the Protestant Episcopalian St. Peter's Church in Binondo, Manila, was discovered at around 11:30 p.m. last Tuesday inside the toilet of room 307 of the Sogo Hotel located at the corner of Aurora Boulevard and Yale Street, Cubao, Quezon City.

Joel Jimenez, supervisor of the hotel told investigators that he discovered the body after the minister had checked in several hours before.

Jimenez had gone up to Sacuy-Ap's room because his allotted three hours were already up. The supervisor knocked on the door but no one answered. When the door to the room was forcibly opened, the body of Sacuy-Ap was found. Jimenez then called for police assistance.

A suicide note was found inside the room, together with Sacuy-Ap's identification card and a half finished bottle of liquor. It was not clear from the suicide note why the minister took his own life although there were details on his funeral and burial.

"It breaks my heart to say, alas, goodbye," Sacuy-Ap wrote.

Investigators have interviewed friends of Sacuy-Ap who said that the minister had talked about death and suicide. However, it was unclear from the interviews why Sacuy-Ap would take his own life.

A check with the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines revealed that there was no St. Peter's Church in Binondo, Manila and that the minister was a member of the Episcopalian congregation.

Sacuy-Ap was reportedly married with two children. His wife is in the US with one of their children.

He served the church in Binondo for 44 years, police said.

It was also reported that the victim was suffering from cancer.

Jordan Herrera accused of swindle

By Agnes E. Donato

FOR allegedly failing to show up in a concert in Tuguegarao, Cagayan Valley last month, commercial model Jordan Herrera is now facing estafa and swindling charges.

Charges of violation of Article 315 of the Revised Penal Code were filed by businesswoman Jacqueline Abella against Herrera, a model-turned actor, and his manager Moises Manio before the Quezon City Prosecutors Office yesterday.

In her complaint, Abella related that she

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Pepsi pops surprise

A SWITCHBOARD operator of the Makati Medical Center has complained that he found foreign substances in a bottle of Pepsi Cola that he had bought near the hospital. Rodrigo Delos Trinos, 43, said he had drunk a mouthful of the softdrink Monday when he noticed that the drink tasted funny. He then examined the bottle and was aghast to discover that there were "phlegm-like" substances inside.

Delos Trinos said he became worried that the substance could have an adverse effect on his health. "What if it were poison? I could have died," he said.

Delos Trinos went to the police yesterday to put the incident on record, but he added that he would not file charges and that he is not asking for monetary compensation from Pepsi.

"I just want the manufacturer to be aware that there might be problems in their plant or that there might be parties who are sabotaging them. I also want the public to know (about the incident) so that they would be more careful," he said.

An employee from Pepsi's sales department, Ms. Aurora Sales, had spoken with him, said Delos Trinos, and promised to replace the product and to test the substances inside the Pepsi bottle that is the subject of the complaint. *Leila Salaverria*

Gang wars rage in Caloocan

By Tina Santos

THE NUMBER of gang-related violence in Caloocan City continues to increase, according to an official of the city's largest public high school.

Caloocan High School acting administrator Dario Rebuelta yesterday claimed that fraternity war is one of the school's biggest problems.

Rebuelta, a physics teacher, revealed that the series of gang-style clashes have involved several of their students.

"We are not afraid of bomb scares. What we're afraid of are the pillboxes hurled at each other by warring groups," Rebuelta said.

He added that inside the campus there are at least 15 gang and fraternity groups that often engage in violent bouts causing injury, and sometimes death, among several students.

Caloocan High School is said to have more than 25,000 students.

Rebuelta said there were also a number of instances when pillboxes exploded inside the school building.

"This senseless war among groups has not only been causing damage to the school building and facilities but more importantly, to lives of innocent people," the teacher said.

Rebuelta said many parents and teachers have already expressed fear on the danger that gang war poses on their children.

A high-ranking Caloocan police officer, who admitted that police records would show that scores of teenagers were killed on a number of gang-style clashes in the city, said policemen are continuously conducting patrol operation within the school's premises to avoid such incidents.

However, Mila Abaylon, a 46-year-old housewife whose son was seriously injured during a recent gang fight in the school, said "the authorities are not doing anything to counter the problem."

"They're (cops) sleeping on their jobs. That would not happen to my son if they were really doing something about it," the visibly irked Abaylon said.

On the other hand, Caloocan City police chief Supt. Benjardi Mantele said he had already ordered his men to intensify the security measures not just in schools but in all shopping centers in the city where students usually hang out.

Mantele added that all station commanders in the city were likewise ordered to enforce the curfew to protect minors not only from gang wars but from lawless elements roaming the streets late at night and in the wee hours of the morning.

Abusive public officials

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

BEFORE that mishap at the Manila Bay last Monday, only very few people knew that Laoag International Airline (LIA) existed.

The airline's name is high-flying: the word "international" gives one the impression that its planes carry passengers bound for foreign countries.

But it's only in name. LIA's destinations are small airports in the country hardly serviced by big local airlines.

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LIA, owned by Paul Ng, a Malaysian, has a five-year franchise on its fleet of four "flying coffins"—minus one that crashed last Monday.

All its planes are old "birds" that barely fly, the Fokkers. They have circled back to being passenger aircraft after being used (and abused) by its former owners.

LIA's Fokkers were first owned by Philippine Airlines (PAL), before they were turned over to the Philippine Air Force (PAF). The PAF later sold the aircraft to the Indonesian Air Force which, in turn, sold them to a New Zealand company. It was from the New Zealand firm that Paul Ng bought them.

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Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos raised her concerns with the Air Transportation Office (ATO) about the safety of LIA planes.

But ATO ignored the warnings and even allowed the airline to expand its operation to Batanes, Tuguegarao and Leyte.

Another congressman from the North, Roquito Ablan, objected to the approval of the franchise granted the LIA. But the ATO stuck to its guns.

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Why did ATO allow Laoag International Airlines to fly planes that are not airworthy?

Why did it ignore warnings from politicians who raised concerns about the safety of its passengers?

A congressional investigation is in order.

Meanwhile, all LIA planes should be grounded—for good.

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Someday, abusive Mayor Ramoncito Pagdanganan of Calumpit, Bulacan, will meet his match.

When that time comes Pagdanganan and his bodyguards will regret their rowdy ways—beating up people whose faces they don't like or those who overtake them on the highway.

For by then karma, the universal law of punishment and reward, shall have overtaken them.

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For looking in the direction of Mayor Pagdanganan and his bodyguards, Onesimo Reyes, 48, a small-time building contractor, was beaten up and pistol-whipped by the mayor.

Reyes and his companions had just settled down at their table at the Fisherman's Grill in Apalit, Pampanga, when he happened to look at a group of noisy customers at the next table.

Pagdanganan apparently resented Reyes' stare. He and his bodyguards approached the next table, guns drawn. All were apparently drunk. The mayor beat up Reyes and struck him with a pistol butt on the head even before the poor fellow could reason out with him.

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Pagdanganan, younger brother of former Bulacan governor and defeated senatorial candidate Obet Pagdanganan, is used to beating up people who cross him. He did this even before he was elected mayor; his abusive ways worsened when he came to power.

The younger Pagdanganan did not choose a place to do his tough-guy act. When he beat up Reyes, he was out of his territory, and in another province yet.

Once he and his bodyguards figured in a near-shootout with Pampanga Gov. Lito Lapid and his bodyguards along MacArthur Highway. The reason for the encounter was as petty as Pagdanganan's mentality: he resented being overtaken by Lapid's convoy.

Outnumbered and outgunned, Pagdanganan and his bodyguards retreated.

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Another public official who acts like he owns the whole town of Parañaque is its congressman, Eduardo Zialcita.

Zialcita and his bodyguards confronted four security guards of the Multinational Village Homeowners Association (MVHAI) over the collection of fees from nonresidents who use the village's Kaingin Road. The road connects to neighboring subdivisions like Moonwalk and Merville.

The congressman tried to confiscate the tickets issued to motorists who use the access road. When the security guards refused to surrender the tickets, the congressman and his security aides toppled over the guardhouse.

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When the guards reported the incident to the police, they were instead placed behind bars for alleged extortion!

The MVHAI ordered the security guards to collect toll from outsiders for the maintenance of the access road.

So, Mr. Congressman, why take it out on the poor security guards who were just following orders?

Protests over planned dumpsite in Quezon mount

By Delfin Mallari Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

RESIDENTS of Tiaong, Quezon are on the warpath over the Metro Manila Development Authority's plan to set up a garbage dump in their community.

"Garbage is garbage and Metro Manila's trash has no place here in Quezon ... it is unwelcome," said millionaire resort owner Ado Escudero, who led protesters in denouncing the MMDA's planned dumpsite.

Last Saturday, the first collective howl in the planned series of protests greeted the MMDA and project proponents during a tension-filled public hearing at the Marcial Punzalan Sports Complex in Tiaong.

Escudero, owner of the Villa Escudero resort, led other speakers from several nongovernment organizations in condemning the MMDA for implementing its "Waste Rail Transfer and Processing Project."

About 2,500 red-shirted protesters, some of whom came from San Pablo City and Lucena City, and nearby towns of Dolores, Candelaria, Sariaya, attended the mass action last weekend.

The speakers cited the project's threat on the environment, possible contamination of the town's water source, and the spread of illnesses.

The dumpsite will occupy at least 2,000 hectares of agricultural land that lie alongside railroad tracks in the towns of Tiaong and Candelaria.

About 6,000 tons of trash from Metro Manila will be dumped in the Quezon waste facility daily, according to the speakers.

Escudero revealed that the Southern Luzon Tourism Council has already adopted a resolution condemning the proposed MMDA dumpsite in Quezon.

Doy Del Castillo, MMDA public relation consultant, tried to appease the crowd with his video presentation on the importance of the project.

But Escudero hit the presentation and tried to stop it, stressing it will only make fools of the residents.

"It's a waste of our time," Escudero said. "Mr. Del Castillo's presentation is a paid propaganda for the project and not an objective analysis of the garbage problem."

But officials of the "Unlad Quezon Movement," the sponsor of the public hearing, allowed the 30-minute video presentation to go on.

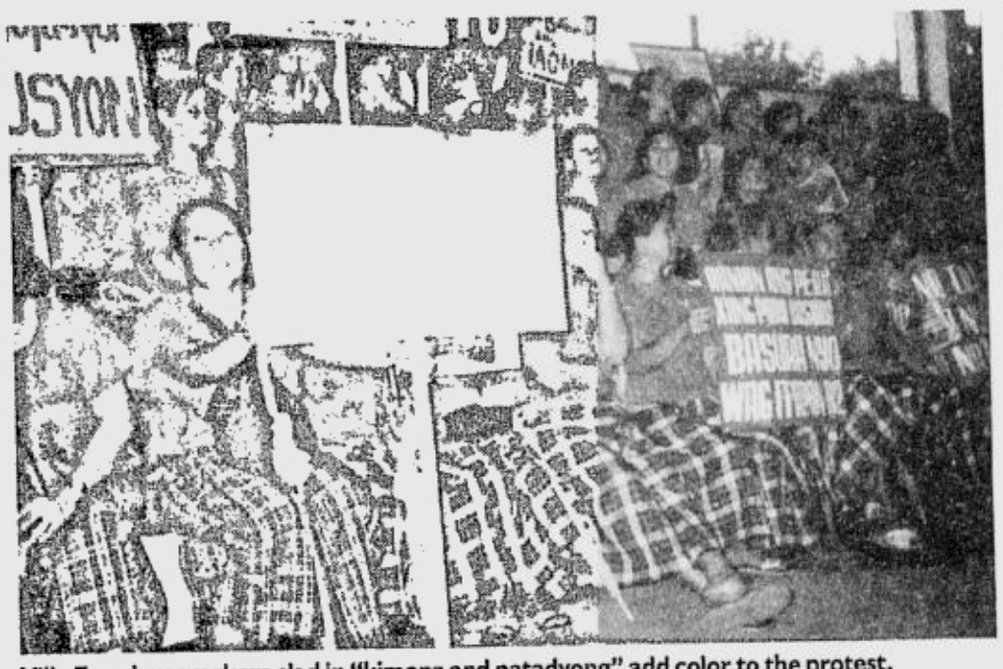
Lawyer Ed Escueta, former head of the Philippine Coconut Authority and a resident of Tiaong, asked one of the MMDA officials if the agency has already reached an agreement with local officials over the project.

When there was no reply, Escueta told the MMDA official to pack up and put an end to the public hearing.

"If you will insist with your project, we have no other recourse but to fight and oppose it," he said.

"With the MMDA's own estimate of 6,000 to 8,000 tons of garbage (to be dumped in Quezon) daily, they will need at least 700 to 1,000 train coaches to haul the garbage," said lawyer Asis Perez, a native of Tiaong and head of the Tanggol Kalikasan in Southern Tagalog. "This is equivalent to 20 train coaches that will pass every 29 minutes daily. And this will pass back and forth.

"With that frequency of train trips, have these MMDA officials considered the tremendous negative impact it would bring on the kind of life of the people living along the railroad tracks?" he asked.



Villa Escudero workers clad in "kimona and patadyong" add color to the protest.

DELFIN T. MALLARI JR.

Bank law stalls drug syndicate probers

By Christian Esguerra

POLICE have identified the bank account of the Chinese national who is believed to be the operations man of the drug syndicate that ran a shabu laboratory in a Parañaque mansion.

But investigation on a possible money-laundering scheme could reach an impasse because of the Bank Secrecy Law, according to Chief Supt. Jose Gutierrez, Southern Police District director.

"We can't look into the bank records because of the Bank Secrecy Law," Gutierrez told the INQUIRER. "That's why we're finding more ways to nail those behind the drug laboratory."

Suspect Kuan Tian Wei had opened an account at a Binondo bank where he would withdraw money to pay the P70,000 monthly fee for the lease of the mansion owned by Teddy Monasterio at the Executive Heights Village in Barangay Sun Valley. He supposedly used the name Nuan Tian Wei when he opened the account.

Gutierrez said the names given by the suspects were both fictitious.

Last Tuesday, a certain Chi Castro appeared at the SPD headquarters in Fort Bonifacio to deny any involvement in the operation of the shabu laboratory which was raided last Nov. 1. Castro had earlier been identified as the one who had brokered the lease of the Monasterio mansion to Kuan and a certain Mr. Lee.

Castro described Kuan as a plump, middle-aged Chinese, and Lee a slim man who eventually became the tenant of Monasterio's house, according to Gutierrez.

She supposedly got in touch with the two Chinese nationals' agent, Xuzi Bin Ong, after she launched advertisements for the sale of the mansion. She initially offered a house in BF Homes in Parañaque but the suspects turned it down, the SPD chief said.

The suspects had been offered at least three more houses by three other agents before they agreed to rent Monasterio's house which has a narrow exit in the back leading to a dump site, Gutierrez added.

Why 'kidnap' victims won't complain

By Philip Tubeza

"I DON'T want them to die."

This was what lawyer Doroteo Cañeba said when asked why his Chinese-Filipino clients, alleged victims of a "shakedown" involving Manila policemen, have not gone to the Western Police District headquarters to file formal complaints against their uniformed "kidnappers."

Businessmen Jimmy Ong and Kelvin Kho allegedly have been receiving death threats.

Cañeba said they have already filed their complaints with the office of Deputy Director-General Virtus Gil at Camp Crame.

Cañeba said the victims had to submit themselves to questioning when they accused eight WPD lawmen of "kidnapping, robbery, and extortion" before Gil's office.

He also said the national police will schedule a line-up so that the victims can "pinpoint their kidnappers."

Ong allegedly was forced to shell out around half a million pesos after he and Kho were supposedly "collared" on All Soul's Day.

He claimed Ong was also beaten up with a rifle.

The police allegedly threatened to file drug charges against the victims if he did not give them the money.

Besides Ong and Kho, four other Chinese-Filipino men were allegedly victimized by policemen in October.

The WPD is now investigating SPO4 Rodolfo Rival, SPO2 Eduardo Liwanag, SPO2 Angelo Cameron, SPO2 Elias Dematera, SPO2 Teodoro Retuta, SPO2 Leonardo Santos, PO3 Robert Sena and PO3 Rommel Baylon.

Cañeba said Camp Crame has ordered the relief of the eight policemen and their transfer to Camp Bagong Diwa in Bicutan, Taguig.

But WPD officials said they have not received any orders from Camp Crame.

"We've heard that there is an order, but we are still waiting for it," said Chief Insp. Gerry Agunod, WPD spokesperson. "We are still investigating them."

According to the WPD's initial investigation, Kho and Ong were arrested because of a complaint filed by Paquito Matias of Caloocan.

Matias accused Ong of selling him fake Seiko diver's watches. When the policemen arrested the two, they also confiscated fake Seiko and Citizen watches from the two businessmen.

But Cañeba denied that his clients sold fake watches, adding that the charges were trumped up.

Another graft suit filed vs Taguig mayor

TAGUIG Mayor Sigfrido Tinga is facing yet another graft case before the Office of the Ombudsman.

Opposition councilors and elementary school officials have sued Tinga for the alleged anomalous purchase of nearly 400,000 notebooks worth more than P16 million.

In a 13-page affidavit, the complainants claimed the notebooks were overpriced by at least P10.6 million.

Also named respondents in the graft case were Dr. Josefina Eustaquio, co-chair of the local school board, and Lydia Galvez Padlan, owner of Ingrid Salas Enterprises which manufactured the notebooks.

Tinga's spokesperson, Ricky Dizon, yesterday dismissed the complaint as the handiwork of the political opposition, led by Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano, wanting to unseat the mayor.

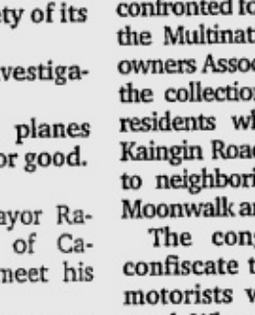
"This is another one of those baseless accusations against the mayor," Dizon told the INQUIRER. "They're really desperate to oust the mayor."

The Commission on Elections is conducting recall proceedings initiated by Cayetano's camp against Tinga. *Christian Esguerra*

Batangueños calling

ORGANIZERS of the "OO Batangueño" concert call on Metro Manila residents to motor to the Batangas Sports Complex, Sta. Rita, Batangas City to attend the event on Saturday.

The show, to feature Batangueño performing artists and friends, aims to raise funds and introduce the Most Rev. Alfredo Maria Aranda Obviar, the first bishop of Lucena, to his fellow Batangueños, especially the youth.



OBVIAR

The beatification of Bishop Obviar, founder of the Institute of the Missionary Catechists of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus who passed away in 1978, is being processed in Rome.

Numerous miracles and answered prayers have been attributed to Bishop Obviar.

Jordan Herrera accused of swindle

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had entered into an agreement with FAB3 Production, headed by Manio, last August 9 for Herrera to perform in a show in Tuguegarao on October 30.

Abella said that she gave Herrera an advanced payment, which amounted to half of his P65,000 talent fee, upon their signing of the contract. They agreed that the remaining half would be given three days before the performance, she said.

She added that she also provided Herrera two plane tickets for his trip to Tuguegarao.

But Herrera allegedly failed to show up for the concert without giving Abella any explanation.

The complainant said she had been trying to call Herrera through the two cellular phone numbers he had given her, but nobody was answering.

She also tried asking Manio for an explanation, but he would not give her any.

"Moises Manio and Jordan Herrera defrauded me by (abusing my) trust and confidence," Abella said.

She claimed that she had lost P800,000, excluding lawyer's fees, as a result of Herrera's nonappearance.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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'HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS'

Darker, scarier and still magical

By Paul Daza
Contributor

FILLED from start to finish with more of everything compared to its blockbuster predecessor—more comedy, more perils, more special effects, and more colorful characters—"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" outdoes last year's "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" in all aspects, except in freshness. Being a sequel, "Chamber of Secrets" cannot possibly be as anticipated as the first movie, which fans had waited for since the first book's publication in 1997.

REVIEW

This year, excitement over "Chamber" seems curiously muted compared to the palpable hysteria which had been felt months even before the release of "The Sorceror's Stone" movie. This is a bloody shame (as the film's British characters are likely to say), because "Chamber" is a much richer movie than "The Sorcerer's Stone."

Aside from being a more polished work, the sequel has a more coherent and gripping storyline, is better acted by the three lead child stars, and, best of all, has a more emotionally resonant climax.

Few alterations

"The Chamber of Secrets" is about wizard-in-training Harry Potter's second year at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Together with his best friends, comic relief Ron Weasley and bookish Hermione Granger, Harry must clear his name when he's suspected of attacking members of the school community and petrifying them into a catatonic state with fear frozen on their faces.

Once again, scriptwriter Steve Kloves and director Chris Columbus slavishly adhere to the book's plot, with a few alterations here and there to give the movie a more manageable running time of two and a half hours.

Lovers of the book may miss such scenes as Nearly Headless Nick's comically bizarre Deathday Party, and the mischievous character of Peeves The Poltergeist. Excepting these two deletions, all the book's major set pieces and characters have all been enchantingly realized by the filmmakers: the journey to Hogwarts via flying car, the Whomping Willow, and the introduction of Lucius Malfoy, Gilderoy Lockhart and Moaning Myrtle.

WRITING ON THE WALL. "The Chamber of Secrets" must be seen from the very beginning.

Special mention must be made of the depiction of the computer-generated Dobby, a house elf who is far more appealing in the movie than in the book.

While reading "Chamber of Secrets," I found Dobby to be as annoying as Jarjar Binks from "Star Wars Episode 1 The Phantom Menace." His woe-is-me brand of self-pity goes on for pages upon pages of text. In the movie, however, Dobby never overstays his welcome. The filmmakers have perfectly captured his essence as created by author J.K. Rowling in her book, but ironically, they've made him a more likeable character by giving us less of him in the film.

For example, when Harry gives Dobby a precious gift at the end of the book, I reacted thinking it was a clever idea from Rowling, no more, no less. In the movie, however, the very same scene causes tears to well up in my eyes. In Dobby's case, the adage "less is more" is certainly true.

The one new character in "Chamber of Secrets" I couldn't get enough of is the vain, foppish Gilderoy Lockhart, as played to perfection by Kenneth Branagh. A headline-hogging wizard who is worshipped and adored by Hogwarts' female students, Lockhart spends most of his time autographing pictures of himself and boasting about his encounters with super-

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Jett's star still rising after The Dawn

By Leah Salterio

GLAM GIRLS. Jett Pangan in drag with Bituin Escalante (foreground) and Ana Fegi.

JETT Pangan will always be associated with The Dawn, the '80s pop-rock group that pioneered the band invasion in the local music scene.

With Carlos Balcells, Jun Boy Leonor and Francis Reyes, The Dawn went on to create one hit album after another and score several hits.

But when the group disbanded in 1994, Jett was sidelined from singing. He worked as a record executive for Viva, until he realized that he missed performing. He formed the Jett Pangan Group.

"When you're an artist, it's there, it doesn't go away," Jett maintains.

In between gigs, he also dabbled in acting, doing bit parts in movies. He reveals that up to this day, he still has fantasies of doing a good movie role.

When The Dawn members got back together in 1999, Jett's own group had to leave the scene. A musician in the Jett Pangan Group took it against him that he was giving up the band in favor of The Dawn. But Jett says they were able to sort out the misunderstanding and parted ways without any grudges.

"Each member of The Dawn felt we had rested enough and that we had to perform again," he offers. "People have been bugging us to regroup again."

Jett is grateful to people who still associate him with The Dawn up to now.

"I don't mind," he says. "I love it. I was only 17 when The Dawn was formed. That's where everything came from. I'm just so happy that we're still together because we're like family."

He insists The Dawn did not re-enter the music scene to compete with the new bands.

"From the start, we were never here to compete," he says. "When we put up The Dawn, it was for the love of music. We didn't expect money would come in right away, or we would not have lasted this long.

"We are here now because our fans wanted us back. We're not here to be number one. We just want to write music."

More relaxed

The Dawn today, Jett says, is "older, with a more mature outlook. We're more polished now. Our playing has improved and we're more relaxed."

The group has just finished shooting its new MTV, "Papano Naman Kami," an anti-piracy statement which is the fifth single lifted from their latest album, "Prodigal Sun."

Jett is apparently undaunted to try new challenges. When an opportunity came for him to do theater, Jett didn't pass up the chance, too.

He did a 15-minute lab play for Peta, "Trabaho Soliloquist." He also played Pontius Pilate in "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Music Museum, directed by Soxy Topacio.

Jett had wanted to be part of the original cast of Atlantis Productions' "Rent," so he auditioned. However, The Dawn had to leave for a US concert tour and Jett had to forego the musical.

Early this year, he was surprised when he got a call from Atlantis Productions director Bobby Garcia, who offered him another musical, "Tick, Tick Boom." He earned good reviews for his performance in "Tick, Tick Boom," which is perhaps why Bobby asked him to be part of the theater company's latest production, "The Rocky Horror Show."

"We were into the halfway run of 'Tick, Tick Boom' when Bobby asked me to join 'Rocky Horror'," Jett says. "But if I hadn't been asked, I would have auditioned if I had gotten wind of Atlantis' plans to mount the musical."

Jett plays Riff Raff the butler, "someone who is far from his real personality."

He describes Riff Raff as the quintessential butler. "I bring out the campiness of the character, with the tongue-in-cheek dialogue. (Riff Raff) is a B-movie Igor with a strange sexual twist. It's like falling into a perverted world. The play is a tribute to B movies. It's really fun to do."

Also in the cast of "The Rocky Horror Show" are Calvin Millado, Aiza Seguerra, Bituin Escalante and Anna Fegi. The musical will run from Nov. 15 to Dec. 8 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium of RCBC Plaza in Makati.

In drag

As Riff Raff, Jett will also be in drag.

"My makeup is glam, but Calvin's makeup is really scary," he notes.

Jett says he has prepared his wife, Beth, for his cross-dressing turn. "She's cool about it. Nothing shocks her anymore."

The couple has been married for seven years and has two children, Erika, 7, and Rafael, 4.

Jett has been familiar with "The Rocky Horror Show" since he was a kid, so it was not hard for him to get into Riff Raff's character. The role, however, is vocally demanding since the songs require a lot of belting. Jett is working closely with musical director Man-Man Angsico.

"It's a wonderful experience to be a part of this production," Jett allows. "Everyone is easy to work with. There are no egos in the cast, no difficult person. Everybody just wants to have fun. We all have good chemistry."

Jett is also all praise for his second-time director. "Bobby is very organized and cool. When you work with him, you don't ask questions. He has it down pat. He has a vision and he knows how to achieve it. You just have to trust him and everything will fall into place."

Jett says he will always enjoy working in theater.

"Acting on stage loosens me up as a person and as an artist. It also trains

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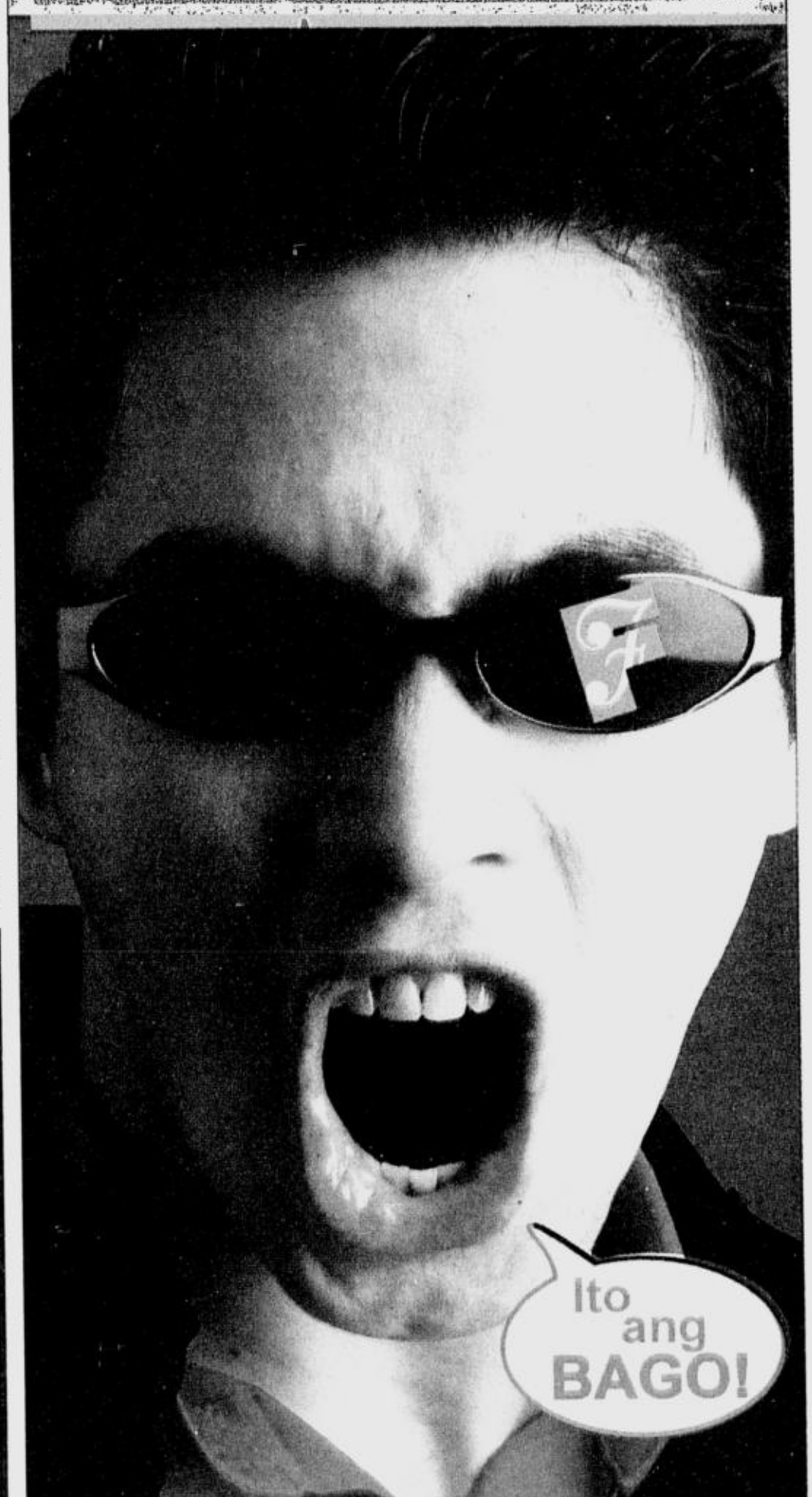

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Filipino movies we'd love to see again

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

BEFORE free and cable television channels started showing old Filipino films on a regular basis, local movie buffs had precious few opportunities to view well-loved films for a second time, or to catch outstanding productions that they had missed when they were first released.

These days, however, dozens of old local movies are shown on TV each week so its much easier to view them again. Trouble is, many of them are really forgettable flicks that shouldn't have been produced in the first place.

How can we get to see the really good movies, instead of the cheap quickies and sleazies that predominate on the tube? We hope that a savvy TV channel positions itself as the home of quality Filipino films, and thus capture the now substantial film-buff market.

The question is, which exceptional movies should it screen? Here's a list of memorable Filipino films that we would love to see again, on TV or wherever:

"Bagets." "Asedillo." "Working Girls." "Sister Stella L." "Alyas Baby Tsina." "Misteryo sa Tuwa." "Bulaklak ng City Jail." "Bituing Walang Ningning." "Hinugot sa Langit."

"Miguelito, ang Batang Rebelde." "Huwag Tularan: Pito ang Asawa Ko." "Batch '81." Gil. "Unfaithful Wife." "Takaw Tukso." "Itanong Mo sa Buwan." "Magkano ang Iyong Dangal?" "Aguila." "Isang Araw, Walang Diyos." "Gumapang Ka sa Lusak." "Wating." "May Minamahal." "Dahil Mahal Kita (The Dolzura Cortez Story)." "Stella Magtanggol." "Pipo." "Isa, Dalawa, Tatlo." "Perlas ng Silangan." "Ransom." "Tisoy." "Muro-Ami."

"Batingaw." "Fe, Esperanza, Caridad."

"Tinimbang ka Ngunit Kulang." "Banaue." "Happy Days Are Here Again." "Mister Mo, Lover Boy Ko."

"Ligaw na Bulaklak." "Maynila sa mga Kuko ng Liwanag." "Alupihang Dagat." "Kung Mangarap Ka't Magising." "Diligin Mo ng Hamog ang Uhaw na Lupa." "Jose Rizal."

"Lumapit, Lumayo ang Umaga." "Sakada."

"Tatlong Taong Walang Diyos." "Pagputi ng Uwak, Pag-itim ng Tagak." "Alas 5:00 nhg Hapon, Gising na ang mga Anghel." "Nunal sa Tubig." "Rubia Servios." "Lunes, Martes, Miyerkoles..." "Malvarosa." "Anak Dalita."

"Insiang." "Bona." "Itim." "Masikip, Maluwag, Paraisong Parisukat." "Hubad na Bayani."

"Sinong Kapiling, Sinong Kasiping." "Dalawang Pugad, Isang Ibon." "Banta ng Kahapon." "Burlesk Queen." "Inay."

"High School Circa '65." "Menor de Edad." "Ina, Kapatid,Anak." "Binhi." "Haplos."

"Jaguar." "Annie Batungbakal." "Aliw." "Lalakwe." "Kasal." "Sugat sa Ugat." "Angela Markado." "City After Dark." "Brutal." "Kisapmata." "Init sa Magdamag." "Ifugao."

As you can see, quite a number of these titles aren't generally seen on local "best film" lists. Our point is that there are many good local movies out there, some of which have been unfairly forgotten by viewers, apart from the usual "film classics."

So, a channel can specialize in showing quality Filipino movies, and appreciative local films buffs will reward it with their loyal patronage.

'Kapalaran'

"KAPALARAN," a Visayan drama series about a family beset by tragedy, is currently being telecast on ABS-CBN TV-2 Cagayan de Oro, TV-3 Cebu and TV-4 Davao.

The 13-episode series is line-produced by the ABS-CBN Regional Network Group. Its actors include **Disi Alba, Joel Torre, Gino Antonio, Cesar Montano** and **Pilar Pilapil.**

Fun activities at ATC

SHOPPING hours have been extended at the Alabang Town Center from Nov. 15 to 17 - shops open at 10 a.m. and close at 10 p.m.

There will be a competition for amateur bands from schools and nearby subdivisions, on Nov. 16, 23 and 30.

From Nov. 17 to December, there will also be a Christmas Fireworks Display every Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Willy Cruz at Podium

BY popular request, pianist-composer **Willy Cruz** returns to the Podium starting Friday, Nov. 15 (at 6 p.m.) for a series of holiday performances.

Other dates: Nov. 16 and 23, and Dec. 14, 22 and 27. Willy will perform some of his own songs, romantic numbers, and Christmas favorites.

Charlene in Singapore

CHARLENE Gonzales' TV show, "Feel at Home," visits Singapore this Saturday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m. Charlene's personalized tour of the Lion City includes Sentosa Island, Jurong Birdpark, Little India, Snow City, Chinatown, Arab Street, Orchard Road, and Lucky Plaza.

The show also focuses on Filipinos in Singapore, including MTV VJ **Donita Rose.**

True Faith shows 'Grace' under pressure

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Ann Carvajal

I HAVE always been very vocal about my admiration for True Faith, not just as a band but as my good buddies.

Lead vocalist **Medwin Marfil** hits the right notes in all their songs and the right spot in my heart. He has seen me through my roller-coaster love life. Up to this day, he and his music somehow make the bumpy ride worthwhile.

I'm eagerly awaiting the release of their seventh album, "Grace" from EMI Phils. which contains 12 original songs.

After their gig at Virgin Café last Friday, True Faith and I chilled out at our fave Café Kilimanjaro on Timog Avenue.

Medwin exclaimed, "We decided to call it 'Grace' and it's not a girl who's special to us. It's 'Grace' because we feel so blessed that after 10 years in the biz, we're still very much around, considering how many new bands have entered the scene.

"The album will be out by the end of this month. Its cover is a rose. As they say, the most beautiful flower is the one that blooms in adversity. Grace under pressure, you know."

Unlike most bands whose repertoire is mainly covers or compositions of others, True Faith is one of the few bands that can proudly say all their hits are truly their very own. They sing what they feel. They feel what they sing.

The first single from their album, "Deadma," was played simultaneously by several radio stations yesterday. "It's a pop song about a pair of lovers' emotional tension."

True Faith will be shooting their music videos this week. Some of their previous works have earned them Awit awards and no doubt they will try to exceed that this time around.

As a self-confessed True Faith fanatic, I urge you all to check out "Grace" and keep on spreading the faith!

Bits and pieces

I COMMEND the entire cast and crew of "Kailangan Kita," which has, among others, excellent cinematography plus piercing dialogues. It's not your typical mushy love story. This **Aga Muhlach-Claudine Barretto** starrer has just the right blend of drama and romance. Even **Charlene Gonzales,** Aga's wifey, told me she cried after watching the film.

It seems that marriage and fatherhood has made Aga more in touch with his feelings. Gone are his teeny-bopper ways although he looks even cuter now than his "Bagets" days.

Claudine has more depth in her acting. This is her first movie after **Rico Yan's** demise and it can't be denied that her reservoir of emotions has become bottomless after that tragedy.

I certainly hope "Kailangan Kita" will usher in more well-crafted films. There has been an excess of bold films these days. Haven't you had enough?

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IT'S an open secret in the biz that **Ai-Ai de las Alas'** current lover is a woman director. Even if I've always been "for the boys," I respect every person's choice of who to love. One love fits all! The lovebirds have no inhibitions when it comes to showing their affection, even in public places. They don't go overboard, though. Some people may not be able to identify with what they are feeling but that does not give them the right to judge Ai-Ai and her love.

Knowing how tumultuous Ai-Ai's love life was once upon a time, she deserves to be happy now. Love is always subject to change, but we should not object to change. Instead we should love as much (and as many?) as we can while we still have the chance.

Twice a night

CONCERT King **Martin Nievera** makes another first as he gives the two final performances of "Opening Night The Repeat" at Onstage Greenbelt 1 in Makati in one day. The concert, a production of Big Mouth International for Maxi-Media Intl., had an extended run last July and another round of shows last October. On Nov. 16, it will make a final hurrah with a matinee show at 4 p.m. and a gala repeat performance at 9 p.m. It is a fitting way to end a successful series.

It's your very last chance to see it. Be there when it happens!

Personal

HAPPY Birthday to one friend I can't live without, Dr. **Nani Flores!**

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Darker, scarier and still magical

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natural beasts the world over. Through Lockhart, Branagh gives the "Harry Potter" movies its first hilarious adult character, one who, in the end, is as cowardly as he is narcissistic.

As Harry Potter, 13-year old Daniel Radcliffe improves upon what was an already fine piece of acting in the first movie. He's given more difficult scenes and more emotions to tackle in "Chamber Of Secrets," and he rises to the challenge.

Growing up

What's wonderful about the first two "Harry Potter" movies is that they give us a chance to see these child performers literally age before our eyes from one schoolyear to the next. Practically all the young boys in the cast now sound like young men, and the filmmakers have even added romantic subtexts that, if memory serves, aren't in the book.

Harry gets propositioned by Moaning Myrtle, and there's now a hint of an awkward attraction between Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson).

Parents should also heed the filmmakers' pronouncements that this is a darker, scarier adventure compared to the first movie. The creatures that are introduced here—including giant man-eating spiders, squealing Mandrakes (which look like a freakish combination of plant and fetus), pounding trees, and others—may frighten very young children. There's more blood and violence in "The Chamber of Secrets," and also a lot more excitement. Parental or adult guidance should be given to very young children.

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At two and a half hours,"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" should test even the most seasoned bladders, because so much happens in the movie that you won't want to miss a moment of it. Take a trip to the bathroom, and you might miss the mischievous Cornish Pixies or the sight of Harry's boneless arm.

Some advice: Go to the rest room before you see this wonderful movie in a good, clean theater, and do catch it from the beginning. It has become a cliché to use the word "magical" when referring to anything related to the Harry Potter phenomenon, but no other word best describes the experience of watching "The Chamber of Secrets." In the cynical world we live in, it does take a dose of magic to teach children that such "unfashionable" virtues as loyalty, intelligence and friendship can transform the world for the better.

For that alone, Harry Potter's latest cinematic adventure is highly recommended.

Jett's star ...

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me to be better. It's fun. It's a break from doing what I do, singing with a band."

This early, Jett is assured of another role in the next Atlantis Productions offering, "Dreamgirls," where he will play James Thunderearly.

No regrets

Jett still hopes he can one day join a production of "Rent" and play one of the male leads in the musical. He also dreams of doing The Engineer in "Miss Saigon."

He still finds time to join The Dawn in nightly gigs. "We rehearse at night and usually, our gigs are scheduled after 11 p.m., so I can still join them. We never thought we'd be this busy again."

Surprisingly, Jett even has the time to supervise his Pipeline rehearsal and recording studio in Makati, which he put up five years ago (tel. no. 890-5333).

Sundays he devotes to his family. "We go to the mall and eat. There are times when we just stay home and watch movies."

After more than a decade in the business, Jett has learned to take criticism in stride.

"I never allow myself to be hurt by what other people say," he says. "I don't take the criticism personally because the people who make it don't know me.

The De La Salle University mechanical engineering graduate doesn't regret his career choice.

"I'm doing everything I like," Jett Pangan says. "I'm so fulfilled."

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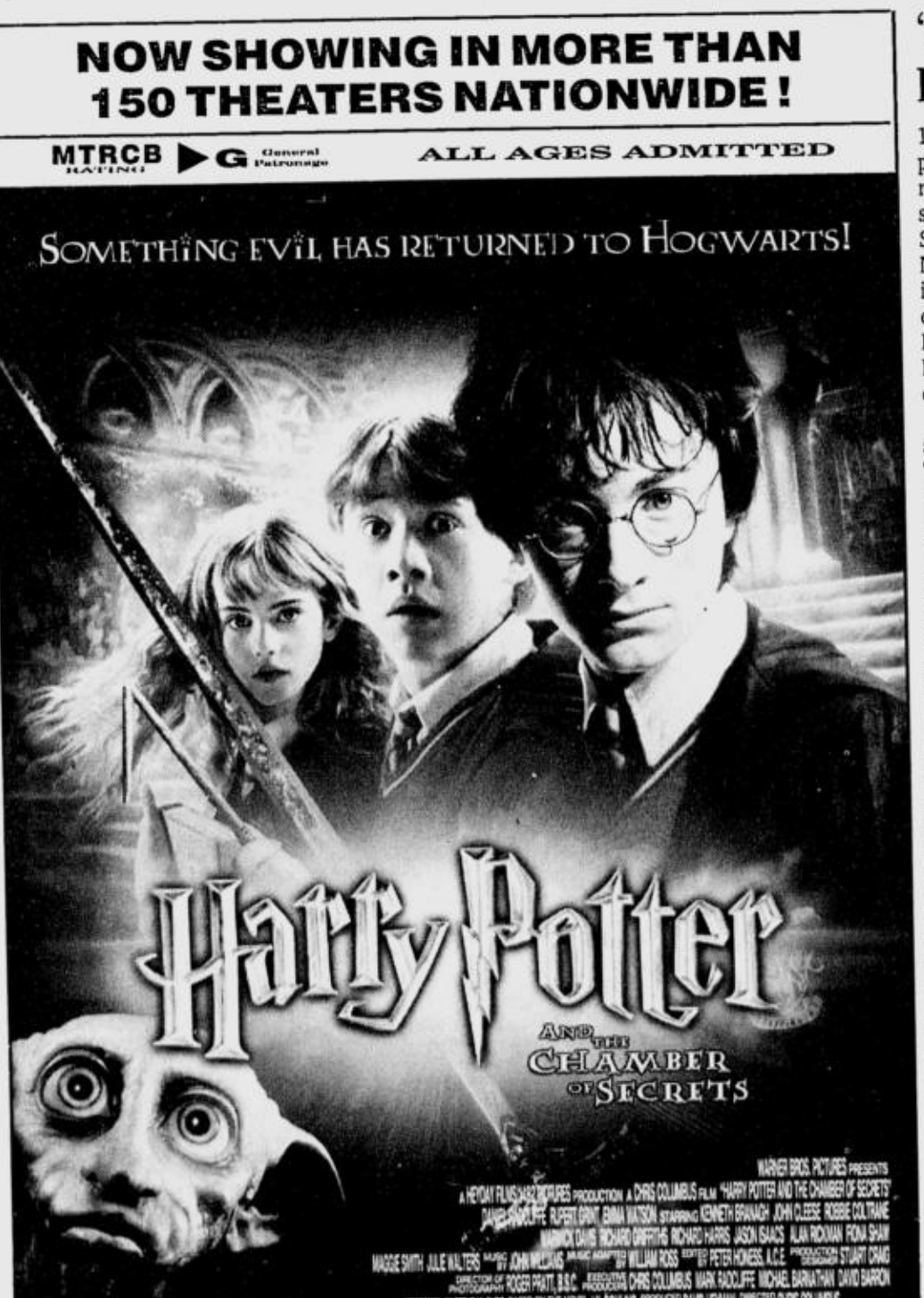

Portes, De Rossi in Hollywood

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that the movie took us right back to our elementary school days in Bued, Calasiao, Pangasinan.

"I won't take credit for that (praise)," Que replied, a portrait of calmness amidst the growing din (in the crowd were Filipino-American comedian Rex Navarrete, actress Giselle Toengi and Joy Marfil, whose original music is featured in the film). "Credit goes to direk Gil Portes. He's so familiar with that world. He's so good in telling us that story. He can just imagine it, cinematic-wise. Adolf went to Quezon and Batangas to research the state of public school education."

Traumatized

This must be a sweet moment for Que, a UP film school alumnus who took graduate studies in Ohio. "Mga Munting Tinig" is only his second screenplay.

He volunteered, "I was traumatized by my experience from my first screenplay ('Babae,' which starred Nora Aunor and Judy Ann Santos, with Lupita Aquino-Kashiwahara as director). There was a lot of expectations of the movie. A lot of rave reviews. Come awards night at the Metro Manila Film Festival, everybody was predicting it to win everything and it did not."

Winston Emano, who was helping promote this movie, next introduced us to Christian Gaines, AFI's director for festivals. Asked for his opinion on "Mga Munting Tinig," Gaines responded, "It's a great film. I'm so pleased about its success so far. Anything that we can do to contribute to its success, (we'll do it). I've always been a fan of Filipino cinema. I champion Filipino cinema in the West as much as I possibly can. I think this is an important film."

Gaines rattles off the names of Filipino filmmakers he has championed in previous festivals: "Marilou Diaz-Abaya, Carlos Siguion-Reyna, Joel Lamangan and Gil Portes, with his films before this."

Also championing Filipino films is Ray Cuerdo, a business affairs executive at Columbia Pictures who co-produced "Mga Munting Tinig" with Portes. A UP graduate, he has helped his old friend, Carlos Siguion-Reyna, and Portes market their films in festivals.

Cuerdo's obvious passion for pushing Filipino films is refreshing. "For the past eight years, I've been trying to help Filipino filmmakers," he told us. "I've been trying to help get them recognized in the US market. I've been doing this on the side."

Cuerdo's involvement as a first-time producer began when Portes told his idea for a movie while they were pushing one of Portes' previous films at the Palm Springs film festival.

"I've been in the industry for 18 years," Cuerdo stated. "Those 18 years have given me the expertise in recognizing what a good movie, project or story will be accepted by a mainstream US audience. When Gil told me the story, I said, that's the one that will break into the US market.

Out on a limb

"This was back in January. I did not have a script. He was just telling me the story. I told him, I will do anything to help you get that movie made. If ever there was a film that I will personally go out on a limb for, this is the one."

So how did he feel right now? "I couldn't feel any much better," he declared. "I already had a gut feel back in January that where we are now was going to happen."

We finally bumped into Portes who, we were told, had to go back to his hotel to get his cell phone. "It's like his security blanket," someone told us.

We hustled Portes into a corner and the ever-articulate and enthusiastic filmmaker told us, "It's really a distinct honor for 'Munting Tinig' to be chosen as the only Filipino film invited by the AFI to be included in the Asian New Classics (a non-competition showcase). AFI folks viewed several films from Manila and they chose this."

When he was filming, did he expect the movie to make waves? "I would be a hypocrite if I say that I didn't expect this to be shown in some festivals but I didn't expect it to be like this. We wanted to show it in Toronto, maybe in Palm Springs or wherever. We did not expect the film to be the Philippines' entry to the Oscars (best foreign film category) because it has not been shown yet in Manila.

"So last October, despite the lack of publicity, promotion and advertising, we were forced to show it to comply with the Oscar requirement that an entry must be shown at least seven days in the home country.

"I'm really very happy," he added. "But in moments like this, I remember my family. They are in New York so I couldn't share it with them. I also remember the people who financed the film, like Attorney Enrique Sobrepeña who gave us the money without hesitation when we presented the project to them, and everybody who made this film possible."

Eyewitness

We congratulated him on his realistic depiction of small town public school dynamics. When we were watching the movie, we could almost smell my old classrooms in Bued Elementary School. My two US-born daughters got a glimpse of how their parents were schooled and the conditions in which their grandmothers (both public school teachers) taught.

"My mother used to teach in elementary in Quezon," Portes explained. "I studied in public schools in elementary and high school. Those experiences, the events that you saw in the film, were really witnessed by me. The boy who was cleaning the house of the teacher was me."

Was he also the student plucking his teacher's gray hair, we teased him.

"*Hindi ako yun*, but I saw that." He laughed hard.

Does he think that in our lifetime we'll see a Filipino movie win the Oscar best foreign film award?

"I hope it would be 'Mga Munting Tinig,'" he chuckled. "I would be so pompous if I tell you that this is the film but still, I hope this is the film. I can't help but be optimistic on the chances of the film. I haven't seen a negative review of the film in Manila. For the first time in Philippine cinema, a film was reviewed in the editorial of the INQUIRER ('Cause for optimism,' October 29, 2002), one of the most respected and prestigious newspapers of the country."

And then it was time for the screening. Poor Portes and De Rossi did not have time to eat at the reception. They hurriedly put some *lumpiang shanghai* and other finger foods into one of the bamboo trays that the waiters had been serving food on earlier. They disappeared into one of ArcLight's 14 plush theaters.

Later at midnight, actor Nicolas Cage would screen his feature directing debut, "Sonny," for the first time.

Bittersweet

The following is a capsule review of "Mga Munting Tinig" that appeared in the LA Weekly:

"This Filipino feature, from director and co-writer Gil M. Portes, combines a serious exposé of systemic injustice and poverty with a typical Hollywood formula for audience uplift. Still, it wants you to earn your happy ending. In rural Malawig, working the family farm takes precedence over hitting the books, and the river regularly turns up the bodies of executed rebels. The stark conditions only spur on Melinda (Alessandra de Rossi), the village's newest teacher. A regional choir competition allows Melinda and her cheeky charges a chance to finally prove themselves, but not before much tragedy and violence.

"Amid the claustrophobic encroachment of Malawig's jungle terrain, the film swings wildly between pleasant trifle and social-realist indictment. Call it bittersweet."

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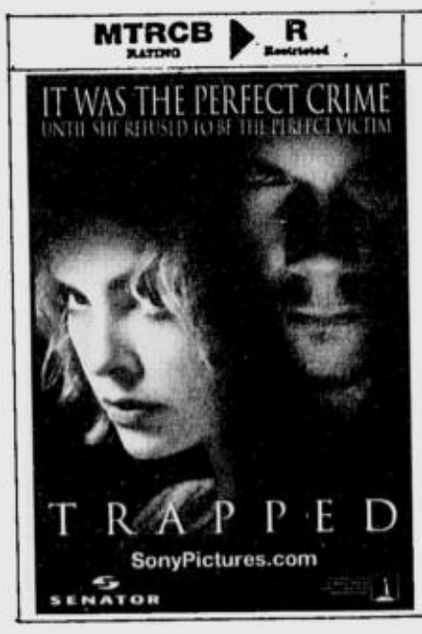

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DE ROSSI AND PORTES at the Los Angeles premiere of "Mga Munting Tinig." REUTERS

Portes, De Rossi in Hollywood

By Ruben V. Nepales
Contributor

LOS ANGELES—On a recent rainy, foggy evening, when, for a change, it really felt like autumn in mild-weathered L.A., we came to the ArcLight, a brand new state-of-the-art theater complex, not to watch a Hollywood movie.

This time, we came to attend a reception for director Gil Portes and actress Alessandra de Rossi before their movie "Mga Munting Tinig" ("Small Voices") gets its U.S. premiere as an official selection at the American Film Institute (AFI) Los Angeles International Film Festival.

REVIEW

So, it was with giddy anticipation that we strolled across ArcLight's lobby, which evokes a grand train station or a majestic airport. A huge billboard overlooked the lobby and promised magical destinations through the lighted titles and show times of the films being shown. That ArcLight is right behind Cinerama Dome—a recently restored L.A. architectural landmark on fabled Sunset Boulevard—adds to the allure of this complex to cineastes.

At the bar (yes, this upscale movie palace features a bar and a restaurant), overlooking the grand lobby, we met De Rossi for the first time. We had to look for her because the scene was already buzzing, complete with Filipino and Asian hors d'oeuvres being offered by waiters.

We asked De Rossi, a simple beauty in a white blouse, how she felt tonight when her film was being screened in Hollywood. "Happy *siyempre*," she replied. "*Hindi lahat ng artista nabibigyan ng ganitong* chance. *Sana tuloy-tuloy na, laging ganito*."

Pressed further, De Rossi, who was in the U.S. for the first time, added, "*Hindi ako makapaniwala. 'Yan ang totoo. Never ko iniexpect na maging ganito*."

Toned down

We inquired how she prepared for the role of a teacher in the film which we saw three weeks earlier at the Sony Studios lot. "*Nagtone down lang ako ng* character," she said. "*Nagmahinhin lang ako*." She laughed at her own simple take on prepping for the role. "'*Yun na pala 'yun*."

Would she stay till the end of the screening? "*Tingnan natin. Takot ako sa* question and answer."

Apparently, a Q & A session with the audience was scheduled following the screening.

Of Gil Portes, who brought her to Toronto and now to L.A. as a result of this film, she said, "*Siya ang pinaka-*cool *na kilala kong* director. *Biro mo, wala kaming* take five, take six. *Pinakamarami namin* take four."

Both Portes and De Rossi attended the film fest's opening night gala screening of actor Denzel Washington's directorial debut, "Antwone Fisher."

Taking it all in like a true writer was Senedy Que, who co-wrote the screenplay with Portes and Adolf Alix. We told him that we were impressed with the film's depiction of the rural public grade school milieu and

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Gov't revives plan to float $500-M bonds

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE NATIONAL government has revived plans to tap the global bond markets for about $500 million worth of 5- or 10-year funds after treasury rates in the United States fell in reaction to the half-point cut by the US Federal Reserve a week ago.

Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura yesterday said the government had advised the Monetary Board of its plans and the policy-making body approved the planned borrowing in principle during its meeting last Tuesday.

Buenaventura assured that the proceeds of the long-term bond issue would be used for the government's 2003 requirements and not to fund this year's deficit.

"If there is a chance to do it now, the government should push through with it while US rates are down, which would mean lower cost for the issuer," the BSP chief said.

The government has an approval from the US Securities and Exchange Commission to issue up to $1.2 billion worth of debt papers.

Foreign borrowings this year were all but abandoned weeks ago after Standard & Poor's downgraded its rating outlook on the Philippines to negative, a move that raised the cost of any external fund-raising activity.

"We were advised of the plan of the national government and we encouraged them since treasury rates are down after the Fed cut. They have to be opportunistic because they have to borrow the money anyway to finance next year's requirements," Buenaventura explained.

The government said it had to raise $2.3 billion in foreign commercial funds next year to finance an estimated deficit of P142.1 billion.

"We studied the plan and we saw room for the government to borrow funds maturing in 2007. Either that or the 10-year money. Our only concern is to prevent any bunching up," said the BSP chief.

At the same time, the government yesterday said it would sell anew P7 billion worth of 5-year debt notes formerly known as the Erap bonds.

These are debt instruments that the state-owned National Development Co. issues to boost lending to the farm sector.

But since the first issuance of Erap bonds were deemed unsuccessful, the government may choose to use the proceeds of the NDC bonds to help fund its gaping budget shortfall, which stood at P166.4 billion as of September and was reported to have grown to P180 billion in the first 10 months.

Landbank president Margarito Teves said the state-owned lender was tapped as the financial adviser of NDC, the investment arm of the trade and industry department, for its bond issue.

Teves said the new round of NDC bonds would be sold first through a regular auction. He said the coupon rate would be between 12 and 14 percent.

He said that NDC had asked the Monetary Board to provide additional incentives to the bond issue like allowing it to qualify as compliance to the farm lending limits set by law. Banks must lend 25 percent of their portfolio to agriculture, agrarian reform and SMEs.

Ponzi 101: Scams feed on greed

By Elena R. Torrijos

(Last of a series)

THERE are lessons for everyone involved in the Multitel case. How well these lessons are taken to heart will determine whether history will repeat itself.

"I think even if you offer an interest rate two times what they're getting now, even three times more, they still won't be happy with it against 5 percent a month," Allied Banking Corp. president Reynaldo Maclang said. "It seems a lot of people have not learned a lot of lessons."

B-One

Investment scams have been plaguing the country for years. The Agrix scandal in the 1970s is a good example.

Probably the most important lesson is for investors not to allow greed to get the better of them.

A physician in his early 40s invested his lifetime savings in Multitel. A group of PLDT retirees sank their pension packages in the scheme, while one woman could not bear to tell her sister working in China that the money for a new house had been lost. Many surgeons, nurses, pediatricians and other health workers at St. Luke's Hospital placed their hard-earned money in it. One teacher from Bicol province, who retired after 37 years of work, placed her entire retirement pay of P1.7 million in Multitel. Another woman said she and her husband would likely separate should he find out she invested in the group and now could not recover their savings of half a million.

To comprehend the scale of the Multitel group's operations, one investor suggested, consider that one of the so-called counselors of a Multitel conduit was handling over 400 peo-

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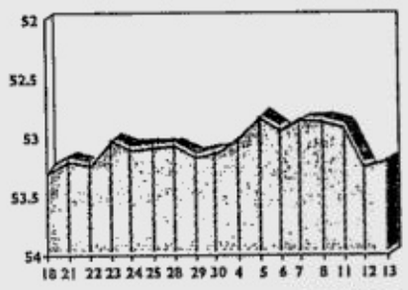


PESO-DOLLAR RATE

₱53.22 = $1

As of 5 p.m., Nov. 13, 2002

¥119.69 = $1

As of 5 p.m., Nov. 13, 2002

GOLD: $323.70/324.20

per ounce Hong Kong, Nov. 13, 2002

STOCK MARKET

Shares up slightly

SHARE prices closed 0.4 percent higher yesterday as investors stayed on the sidelines due to continuing fears of a possible US-led war on Iraq, dealers said.

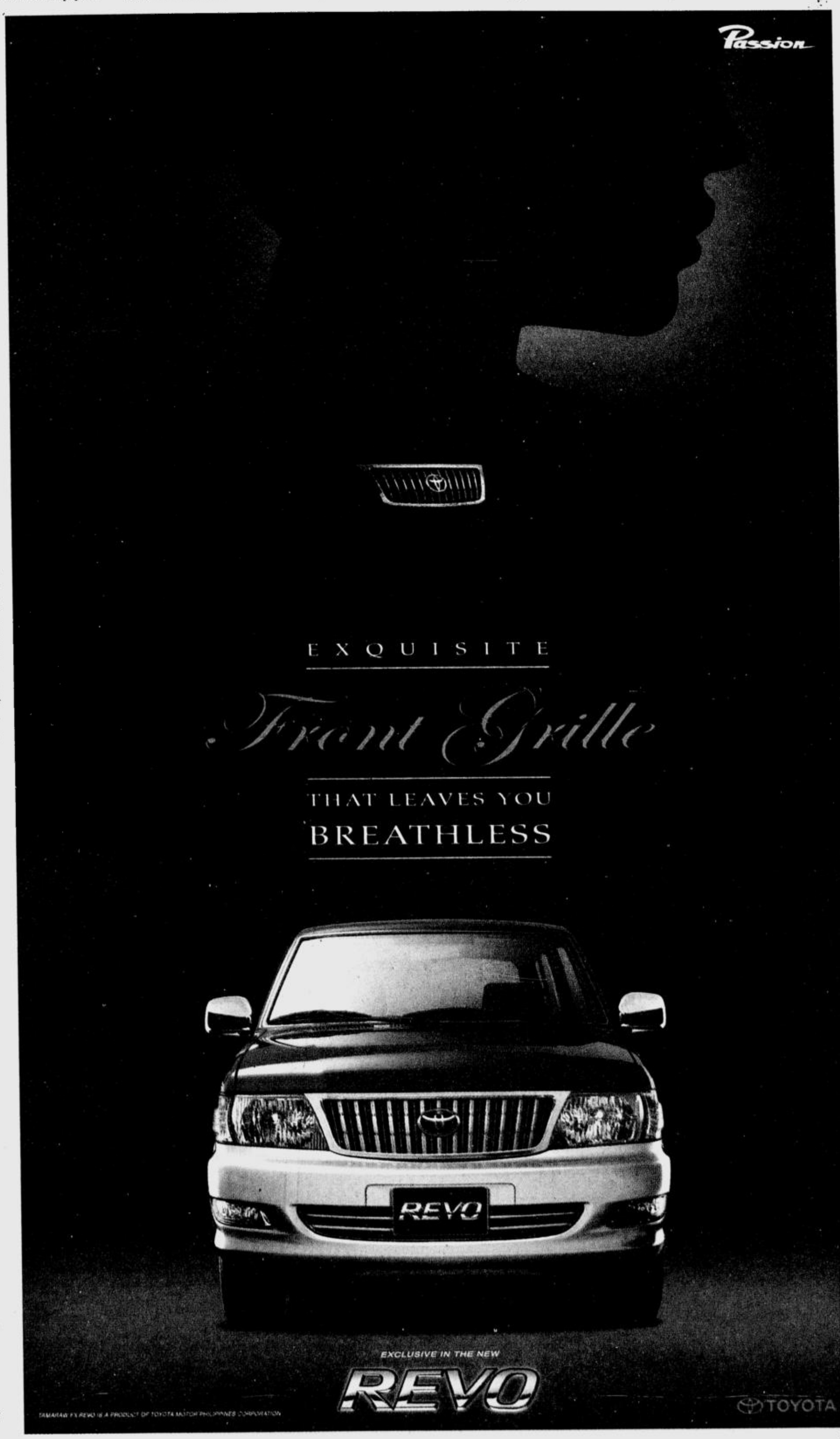
The Philippine Stock Exchange benchmark composite index gained 4.16 points to 1,059.45.

"People are waiting for the war to happen," said Henry Ong of KGI Securities Inc.

"Investors have turned cautious given the uncertainties prevailing in the market," said BPI Securities Inc. analyst Roberto Cano.

Volume rose to 139.24 million shares but value fell to P223.59 million from 127.8 million shares worth P249.89 million on Tuesday.

Gainers beat losers 28 to 20 and there were 32 stocks unchanged. ***AFP, Reuters***



A fear to remember

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

YESTERDAY, four big business groups showed everybody what a swell time we are having in this country, actually, but it's just between us girls, and don't tell anybody.

They gave a "testimonial lunch" for Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura, who is more popularly known in the entire banking universe as my Tito Paeng.

The "lunch" part of the affair, I'm sure, you are quite familiar with, since around noontime, you all seem to gather at the Sentro restaurant at the new Greenbelt in Makati.

Plugging aside, anyway, it's the "testimonial" part that's a bit baffling. The word comes from the Sioux "testim" (no bull) and the Ibanag "onial" (not kidding).

If the organizers thought the no-bull, not-kidding lunch for my Tito Paeng could cut it for the rest of us, well, here's mud wrestling in your eyelashes. Something like that!

I'm afraid the affair looks like whistling in the dark. In business, somehow, I sense fear. Whistling (i.e. testimonial) takes your mind off the ghosts. Or the terrorists.

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IN military parlance, since coup rumors are going around again, it simply means "diversionary tactic." Go ahead. You can even ask the group of Kuya Eddie.

Convoying the supposed rumors about a coup d'etat—meaning, destabilization, what else—are some alarming reports from various financial institutions.

They all talk about another economic crisis in this country, possibly between now and 2004, and you all know what 2004 means. Well, everything is up for grabs.

Anyway, the papers point at a shaky financial system, owing to the large amounts of existing loans in this country. Total indebtedness comes to 81 percent of GDP.

Somewhere at the back of everybody's mind is a little question: What if that thing blows up. This sums up their fear to remember.

Therefore, the groups known as the BAP, the Finex, the Makati Business Club, and the MAP must try to show us that, on the contrary, we are having an economic ball.

So they need a reason to congratulate each other, pretending that they admire my Tito Paeng, who is actually their victim. In exchange, he gets a free lunch.

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NOBODY in business seems to be moving. Everybody waits for 2004. By then they may start thinking whether or not they should even think of something, anything.

Among the locals, the more aggressive investors are few. Danding Cojuangco and Ramon Ang of San Miguel are among them. Of course there's Henry Sy. And that's it.

As for foreign investments, the last time I checked, the biggest one involved a project on population control. It is supposed to give a lot of us lung cancer.

The investment came from the US-based cigarette maker Philip Morris, which is salivating at the Asian market, because in the United States, smoking is the new leprosy.

I heard that Philip Morris left out the Chung family in the new cigarette venture here. The Chungs own La Suerte, which had the Philip Morris brands for decades.

They actually developed the local market for the Philip Morris brands for 40 years. Now that it is developed, it seems they can be discarded. It sounds like garbage.

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BUT that is the sad story of a lot of local groups. They get the license for foreign brands, pioneering in marketing them here, and when the market is ripe, they are out.

Among the business think tanks, such as the management consultants at SGV, they want the locals to take a new bold approach. And that is, develop your own brand.

All you have to do is, well, you have to fight against a lot of imports, including the smuggled items which we see in every store, whether big or small.

Look, somebody in the cargo handling business could even go big time, landing a huge contract with the government for a transportation project.

Among bankers, he is known to have extensive experience in the business of warehousing. Mostly he warehoused imported goods.

If you ask the people at the "testimonial lunch" for my Tito Paeng yesterday, you'd know that "warehousing," in this country, is just another term for smuggling.

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EXACTLY a month from now, Piatco is set to do for its project Naia Terminal 3 a "soft opening." That's on Dec. 15, right in time for the start of the midnight Mass.

No wonder, the groups which will use the new terminal are frantic. Among them are the international airlines. Last week, they held a meeting with IATA.

That's the Montreal based association of international airlines. Last week IATA sent a mission to Manila, precisely to rate the readiness of the Piatco terminal.

For one, the IATA mission noted that the project is caught in a snarl of legal and financial questions, which only the government can resolved.

How long the resolution may take, is anybody's guess. It may take a few years, who knows, or it may take forever.

Somebody from Japan Airlines, a certain Shohei Murashima, was overheard to have commented that he wasn't sure what "soft opening" meant. Maybe, he supposedly said, it was just a "ribbon cutting ceremony." Much like a testimonial lunch!

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SOMEBODY in the House of Representatives, and we shall hide his true identity by calling him MJ, was supposed to deliver a privilege speech the other day.

In the speech, he was supposed to detail a payoff to the so-called "million-dollar man" in the Cabinet of this cute administration of Gloriaetta.

Part of the show would have been, well, the congressman would provide the august chamber with the documents to prove his claims.

Unfortunately, maybe true or not true to his character, the guy chickened out. Well, he probably figured out that he was up against a powerful figure in the Cabinet.

His hesitation may cost him. We all know that several congressmen—no, a lot of them—are taking up the cudgels for him. Now they are mad at him.

Moral of the story is, indeed, nobody loves a chicken, unless you are in big business, in which case you simply give testimonial lunches to hide your fear.

Medium-term plan seeks cut in jobless rate to 8.6% in '04

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE MACAPAGAL administration is targeting to bring down the country's unemployment rate to a range of 7.6 to 8.6 percent of the labor force by 2004 from 11.2 percent in July posted last July.

This means that the number of unemployed Filipinos should fall to a range of 2.6-2.9 million from around 3.2-3.4 million this year.

These projections are contained based on the medium-term development plan drawn up by the National Economic and Development Authority.

Of the total, domestic employment is expected to grow by 3.2-3.5 percent, equivalent to about 31.5 million people by 2004. This is based on the President's pledge to create one million jobs yearly.

In addition, about one million workers per year are expected to work overseas.

The services sector is expected to remain the biggest employer with a 48-percent share by 2004, on contributions from sub-sectors such as tourism, passenger transport, retail trade, hotel and accommodation, restaurants, travel agency and tour operations, recreation and entertainment as well as the services segment of the fast-growing information communication technology sector.

The share of the industry sector is projected to increase moderately to 16.5 percent of total employment in 2004 from about 16 percent, fueled by the export-oriented electronics manufacturing sector.

In view of its modernization, the agriculture sector's share to total employment is seen to decline slightly from 37.1 percent in 2000 to an average of 35.6 percent in 2004.

To achieve these employment goals, the Neda said four major strategies should be adopted: employment generation, employment preservation, employment enhancement and employment facilitation.

To create one million new jobs in agriculture, for instance, the sector should be made the priority in the allocation of budgetary resources, particularly for the construction of irrigation and post-harvest facilities, farm-to-market roads and other infrastructure projects; provision of credit facility and research/development.

To preserve employment, among the measures drawn up was to promote proactive industrial peace interventions such as forging of social accords, establishment of labor-management councils, preventive mediation and social dialogues.

The Neda also said the Labor Code should be amended to factor in new issues emerging in employment and labor relations.

With regards to the overseas employment program, the plan seeks to:

- establish an adequate information system in the overseas employment program;
- improve support programs for the effective reintegration of returning overseas Filipino workers;
- provide overseas recruitment and placement assistance as public interest may require; and,
- establish a legal environment conducive to legitimate and responsible private sector participation in the overseas employment program.

East West posts P117M in profit

EAST West Banking Corp. (EWBC) posted a net income of P117 million for the first nine months of this year, representing a 153-percent increase from the P46 million it posted in the same period last year. The bank attributed the income growth to the improvement in its resources.

As of Sept. 30, 2002, the bank's resources grew to P15.2 billion, a 19.5-percent improvement from last year's P12.8 billion. Traditional deposits grew by 18.7 percent to P10.3 billion from last year's level of P8.7 billion, while total loan portfolio expanded to P8.9 billion from P6.9 billion last year, an increase of 30 percent. The bank's total capital as of the end of the third quarter stood at P2.8 billion.

To extend its market reach, the bank opened nine new branches this year, mostly in provincial areas where it currently does not have physical presence. These brought to 47 the bank's total branch network.

OIL PRICE HIKE, TERRORISM

Asia-Pacific airline officials meet to assess industry woes

By Abigail L. Ho

EVEN while load factors of Asia-Pacific air carriers are now back at healthy levels, chief executives of 17 of the region's major airlines converge today to discuss how to cushion the impact on the industry of the steady climb in fuel prices and the rising political instability worldwide.

The Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA) is holding its 46th Assembly of Presidents today in the southern province of Cebu to talk about the future of the aviation industry in an uncertain environment.

AAPA director general Richard Stirland said in a statement yesterday that this meeting would serve "as an important forum to discuss how far the carriers are down the road to recovery from last year's disastrous events."

Last year's Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the United States left the aviation sector reeling as travelers shied away from taking air trips. Insurance firms raised their premiums, leaving the airlines in a dilemma: to slash ticket prices to attract customers or to increase their prices to cover the higher premium.

The need for more stringent security also came up. With airports all over the world implementing tighter security measures, the airlines themselves were compelled to make the necessary changes to comply with these new security schemes.

Despite these problems though, Stirland said Asia-Pacific's air carriers maintained their poise and ended up head and shoulders above airlines from the rest of the world.

"The region's aviation sector has certainly outpaced the rest of the world in recovering from last year's disaster. Now we are faced with other challenges which we hope to get through with proper planning," he said.

Equitable PCI's $100-M tier-2 bond float gets BSP approval

By Clarissa S. Batino

EQUITABLE PCI Bank has received the go-ahead from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' Monetary Board to issue about $100 million of long-term bonds that investors can convert into equity upon maturity.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said the tier-two bond float would allow Equitable PCI to meet or even exceed slightly the 10-percent capital adequacy ratio prescribed by the central bank.

Buenaventura said Equitable PCI's capital adequacy ratio was slightly below the 10 percent of the BSP and the 13 percent industry average.

The regulator encourages lenders to maintain a higher capital against asset ratio as a form of buffer against potential risks.

Equitable PCI's capital adequacy ratio fell after it suffered from a credibility crisis at the height of the "juetengate" scandal arising from the association of some of its stakeholders with ousted President Joseph Estrada. As a result, the bank's deposits dropped substantially and Equitable PCI is now trying to rebuild its deposit base.

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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Wednesday, November 13, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	1,000
Banco de Oro Univ Bank	18.5	18.75	18.25	18.75	48,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	41	41.5	41	41	219,000
China Banking Corp.	625	625	625	625	6,200
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	17,200
First E-Bank Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	40,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	30.5	31	30.5	30.5	60,800
Phil. Bank Of Comm. A	60	60	60	60	1,100
Philippine National Bank	26.5	29.5	26.5	29.5	8,400
Phil. Savings Bank	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	600
Security Bank Corp.	11.75	11.75	11.5	11.5	5,600
Union Bank of the Phil.	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	1,400
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1	1	1	1	50,000
Sun Life Financial Serv.	885	890	885	890	220
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	14,800
Globe Telecom Inc.	420	422.5	412.5	420	8,800
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	2,700,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	100,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3.6	3.75	3.6	3.75	60,000
Pilfel	0.23	0.24	0.23	0.24	90,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	250	255	249	255	172,820
Ivantage Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	50,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	7,000,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	14	14	13.75	14	31,600
Manila Electric Co. B	18.25	18.5	18.25	18.5	531,800
Petron Corp.	1.6	1.62	1.6	1.62	492,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.2	1.22	1.2	1.22	15,350,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.22	2.26	2.22	2.26	69,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	3.25	3.3	3.25	3.3	11,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	37,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14	42,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.75	14	13.75	14	475,000
RFM Corp.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	20,000
San Miguel Corp. A	58	58.5	58	58.5	73,300
San Miguel Corp. B	63.5	64	63.5	64	444,400
HOLDING FIRMS					
Atok-Big Wedge Co. Inc.	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	1,000
Ayala Corp.	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	374,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	20,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	10	10	10	10	20,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.195	0.195	0.19	0.195	770,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	110,000
Fil-Estate Corp.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	10,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	12.75	12.75	12.5	12.5	134,400
Ionics Inc.	1.86	1.86	1.8	1.8	123,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32	120,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	770,000
Music Corp.	0.09	0.1	0.09	0.1	300,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	140,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	3,100,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	6,000
Euro-Med Lab. Phil. Inc.	4.25	4.8	4.25	4.8	45,000
Interphil Labs Inc. A	1.86	1.9	1.86	1.9	1,292,000
Interphil Labs Inc. B	1.86	1.9	1.82	1.9	403,000
Jardine Davies Inc.	18	18	18	18	900
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	10,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	17	17.25	17	17.25	34,800
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10	10	10	10	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10	10	10	10	1,000
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10	10	10	10	1,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	3.8	4.3	3.5	4.3	24,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5	5.1	5	5	9,475,000
Cityland Development Corp.	2	2	2	2	100,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	120,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	40,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	500,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	0.92	0.95	0.92	0.95	3,490,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	50,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	300,000
SM Development Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	796,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5,609,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	10,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.175	0.175	0.17	0.17	300,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	210,000
Omico Corp.	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	20,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	40,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	550,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	1,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	50,000,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.026	100,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	461,520	16,774,200.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	35,589,426	125,811,674.00
PRO	20,480,000	82,244,180.00
Mining	31,100,000	329,700.00
OIL	51,100,000	132,600.00
GRAND TOTALS :	138,730,946	225,292,354.00
	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	403.84	DOWN 2.85
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,478.70	UP 9.12
PRO	466.34	UP 0.93
Mining	1,088.82	DOWN 9.95
OIL	1.25	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	613.47	DOWN 1.35
Composite	1,059.45	UP 4.16

NO. OF ADVANCES: 28; NO. OF DECLINES: 20; NO. OF UNCHANGED: 32; NO. OF TRADED ISSUES: 80; NO. OF TRADES: 941

DISCLOSURES

ELECTED directors of EasyCall Communications Philippines Inc. were Modesto Cervantes, Jose Roberto Delgado, Socorro Niro, Loh Kai Keong, Arthur Tugade, Jonathan Cervantes, Carlos Dominguez, Roberto Manabat and Rafael Garcia III.

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EEI Corp. disclosed that it had appealed a recent ruling of the Labor Arbiter ordering EEI and Bechtel International to pay $5.9 million to claimants, consisting of workers deployed to the two firms' project in Algeria. The company argued that the arbiter erred in treating the case as a class suit, in not finding that the money claims had prescribed, and in awarding hardship pay, mobilization fees, project allowance, Christmas bonus and escalation pay without any basis in law and/or employment contract.

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WISE Holdings announced the resignation of its external auditors Bautista, Sagcal and Associates. Since the financial statements have yet to be completed, the company has postponed its annual stockholders' meeting originally scheduled for Dec. 9, 2002.

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THE LISTING of additional 33,000 common shares of SPI Technologies Inc. has been set for today. ***Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

CURRENCIES

Nov. 13, 2002 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	0.987459	1.000000	53.168000
Japan	Yen	0.008252	0.008357	0.444300
United Kingdom	Pound	1.569961	1.589900	84.531800
Hongkong	Dollar	0.126609	0.128217	6.817000
Switzerland	Franc	0.684073	0.692761	36.832700
Canada	Dollar	0.625846	0.633794	33.697600
Singapore	Dollar	0.559943	0.567054	30.149100
Australia	Dollar	0.553881	0.560915	29.822700
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.619951	2.653224	141.066600
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.263323	0.266667	14.178200
Brunei	Dollar	0.559784	0.566893	30.140600
Indonesia	Ruplah	0.000109	0.000110	0.005800
Thailand	Baht	0.022884	0.023175	1.232200
UAE	Dirham	0.268879	0.272294	14.477300
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.012700	53.843200
Argentina	Peso	0.280528	0.284091	15.104600
Brazil	REAL	0.274753	0.278242	14.793600
Denmark	Kroner	0.134626	0.136336	7.248700
India	Rupee	0.020487	0.020747	1.103100
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.259885	0.263186	13.993100
Mexico	New Peso	0.095888	0.097106	5.162900
New Zealand	Dollar	0.488092	0.494291	26.280500
Norway	Kroner	0.136811	0.138548	7.366300
Pakistan	Rupee	0.016880	0.017094	0.908900
South Africa	Rand	0.100864	0.102145	5.430800
Korea	Won	0.000826	0.000836	0.044400
Sweden	Kroner	0.110121	0.111520	5.929300
Syria	Pound	0.019173	0.019417	1.032400
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.028689	0.029053	1.544700
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000734	0.000743	0.039500

RP seen starting free trade talks with US, Japan

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PHILIPPINES is seen kicking off negotiations for a free trade agreement with the United States and Japan next year.

Trade Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II said the Philippines would seek wider access to the fruit markets of the United States and Japan.

Asked whether Japan and the United States were rushing to close a free trade deal with the Philippines ahead of China, Roxas replied that the country was fortunate to be in a region that had attracted interest for more trade from developed countries.

He said this interest augured well for the Philippines' bid to boost trade.

The Asean-China free trade area is targeted to start by 2010.

Roxas said the proposed Philippine-US free trade area would be taken up during the visit of US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, who was scheduled to meet with Asean's economic ministers on Nov. 20.

Just like the Asean-China framework agreement, each country in Southeast Asia will hold separate negotiations with their free trade partners because Asean does not undertake trade agreements on a collective basis like the European Union.

Zoellick is set to meet with Roxas and other trade officials on Nov. 19 to discuss trade matters involving the Philippines, including the rampant piracy of copyrighted products made in the United States.

The Philippines is hoping that Washington will remove it from a watch list of the world's worst intellectual property rights violators.

Roxas said apart from more access for its fruit exports, the Philippines would also push for a higher number of Philippine exports eligible for duty-free perks under the US Generalized System of Preferences.

It would also seek to relax rules of origin on garments exports similar to concessions granted to Singapore's apparel makers operating out of Indonesia.

Ponzi 101: Scams feed on greed

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ple with investments of about P250 million. Now, multiply P250 million by 10—the total number of counselors for that one conduit—and that was probably how much was invested with each of the other Multitel conduits.

Greedy, gullible

Greed is more gullible than innocence. It is probably for this reason that many Filipinos have fallen for many get-rich-quick schemes.

Jose Tomas Syquia, head of the Securities and Exchange Commission's compliance and enforcement department, said many victims of investment scams were merely trying to follow people who were making money.

"From a few ones I've talked with over the phone, it was because their officemates were making money," he said.

"Who can argue with success?" one finance expert asked.

Syquia said people usually looked for the SEC registration or articles of incorporation. The moment they saw these papers, they would assume that the company's operations were legitimate.

"They think that's already legal because it's incorporated by the SEC, maybe not knowing that it doesn't mean that you can take investments from the public," he stressed.

Another standard explanation given by people who lost money in investment scams was because banks paid them next to peanuts, while the stock market was too complicated for them.

Syquia said these people should have been more alert and should have read the papers or listened to the SEC's warnings. "We have given enough warnings. Those who did not pull out have only themselves to blame," he said.

Possibly more worrying than greed is the lack of conscience that some investors display. People interviewed said they wondered what kind of scheme would give them a very high rate of return on their investments. Casino financing and drug trafficking came to mind, yet they still invested.

Moreover, those who avoided getting their investments trapped by terminating early on did not seem to feel any guilt that the fruits of their investment represented money largely "stolen" from others who came in late.

SEC's part

The SEC itself could have prevented the Multitel scheme from growing by keeping a keener eye on the group.

On March 8 last year, the commission issued a cease-and-desist order against Multinational Telecom Investors Corp.

On June 19, the SEC lifted this order, subject to an audit, to determine if the company was complying with existing laws, rules and regulations. If this order had not been lifted and had the SEC tried to build a case instead, this could have spared more investors from grieving over lost fortunes.

Syquia explained that the commission, at that time, wanted to give Multitel the benefit of the doubt and treated the company not as a syndicate but as an erring corporation willing to reform.

"Now, we have more knowledge. We will look at them immediately as corporate criminals, close them down, raid them," he said.

In any case, despite the initial crackdown on Multitel, the company's chief executive, Rosario Baladjay, and her husband, Saturnino, still managed to incorporate Multitel International Holdings Inc., which continued Multitel's investment-taking operations.

As a result, the couple's activities were unaffected when, after the audit, Multitel and subsidiaries Everflow Group of Companies and One-Heart Multi-Purpose Cooperative Inc. were again slapped with a cease-and-desist order.

Banks could also have played a role in stopping the operations of Multitel. A great demand for checkbooks is a sign that something fishy is going on. Banks could have reported such a suspicious transaction to the Anti-Money Laundering Council.

In the case of the Baladjays, they learned their lesson the first time the SEC came down on them, so they later dealt mainly in cash. One insider saw more than a dozen counting machines lying around Baladjay's Aspen condominium unit. People who were picking up their investments were told to bring luggages.

Raids at last

It also took a long time for the SEC to raid the offices used by the Baladjays.

Syquia said his department had to establish "personal knowledge" that MIHI and its conduits were violating the country's securities and corporate laws to obtain a search warrant.

"I have to admit, if we had a little more manpower, maybe we could have pushed it early by one or two months," he said.

Last year, he said, the SEC had been focused on such cases as G. Cosmos, alleged pyramiding firms Prosperity.com and Powerhomes, apart from running after various boiler room operators.

The department, he said, had only eight investigators, and only two were assigned to Multitel.

The raids, jointly conducted by the National Bureau of Investigation and the SEC, were themselves a success, turning up documents that indicated the extent of the activities of the Multitel group. The raiding teams saw vaults of cash, three in the Aspen condominium of the Baladjays and a couple at the Enterprise building in Makati but deliberately did not touch the money.

"We did not want to give them any reason not to pay investors, and if they don't pay it strengthens our position that it was fraud," Syquia said.

He has no idea what the Baladjays have done with the cash since.

Turning the tide

The SEC's current task is to charge the people behind Multitel. It is hoping to file a criminal complaint against the Multitel group, the Baladjay couple and other people behind the Ponzi scam.

He said this should send a strong signal to other would-be con artists that the SEC would not tolerate investment scams and would do its best to protect the public.

The commission will also try to recover some P400 million that the Baladjays paid as down payment for the acquisition of a building (not the Enterprise). The couple was supposed to make subsequent payments, but, as they did not, were deemed in default, and their P400 million were not returned.

The SEC, meanwhile, plans further investor information seminars on investment scams out there.

An important message will be that a track record of timely and full payment, including interest, does not mean an investment scheme is legitimate. The hallmark of a Ponzi scheme is that investors are continuously paid until the scheme implodes.

"It's a vicious cycle because, as long as people (new investors) come in, you can always pay people out. But mathematically, you don't have enough money to pay everyone as promised because actually there's no money being made," Syquia stressed.

He is uncertain, however, whether the SEC's efforts can stop the tide of investments pouring into get-rich-quick schemes. Ultimately, investment scams will continue to flourish, and people will be parted from their money if greed prevails over common sense.

"If people are willing to be fooled, you'll always find people to fool them," Syquia said.

Wrong firm

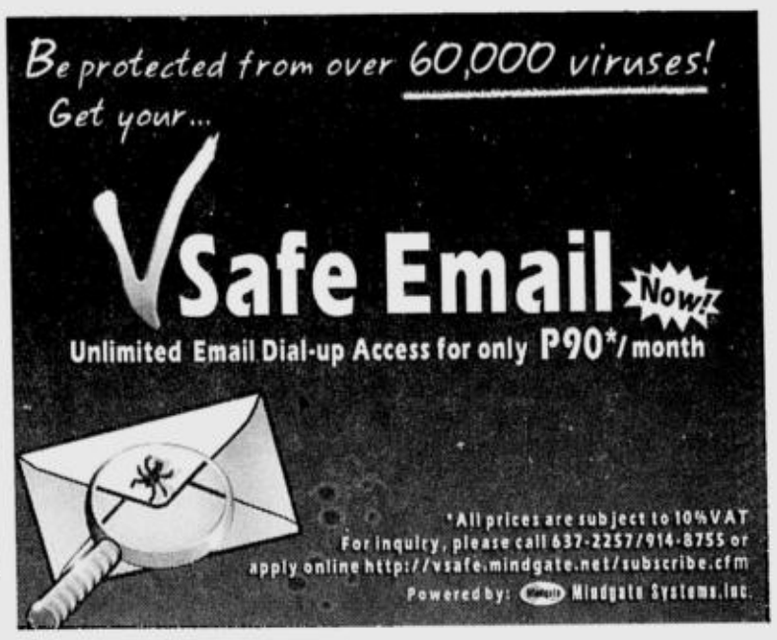
IN the first and second parts of this series, Conrado Ariola was identified as an incorporator of Multitel International Holdings. He was not. Actually, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission, he was a stockholder, director and corporate secretary of Multinational Telecom Investors Corp., the original company used by Rosario Baladjay for her investment scheme. Our apologies.

San Miguel Corp., meanwhile, has denied knowledge of any negotiation with Baladjay, who was reported earlier to be buying out San Miguel and other owners of the Enterprise Center.

"There was no offer whatsoever made to SMC from any party," the company said.

A person familiar with the matter told the INQUIRER that Baladjay wanted to acquire full ownership of the Enterprise and was willing to shell out as much as P2 billion. In this regard, according to the source, a third party helping Baladjay casually asked San Miguel president Ramon Ang how much the food and beverage giant would be willing to sell its 29-percent stake, and Ang supposedly replied, "P2.8 billion."

Despite this discouraging piece of information, Baladjay reportedly paid another person P8 million to try to arrange the acquisition of the building within the allotted budget but nothing came out of it.



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1. Calling of meeting to order.
2. Certification of notice.
3. Determination and declaration of quorum.
4. Reports of the Investment Manager.
5. Proposed Financial Restructuring for FFI
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on October 10, 2002, the record date and time fixed by the Board of Directors, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, said meeting.

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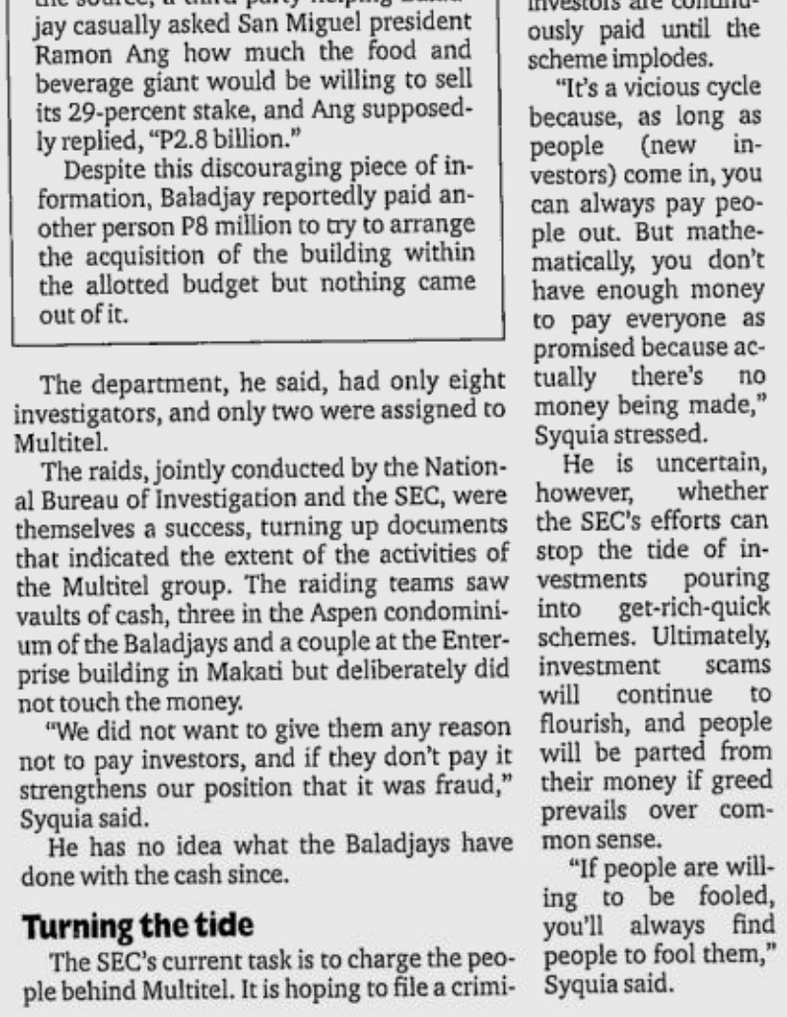

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Something for everyone from Nestle

Nescafe sponsors Ministry of Sound global tour

THE WORLD'S number one coffee brand teams up with the "Godfather" of all dance clubs, Ministry of Sound, to bring the world the Nescafe Ministry of Sound Global Tour. During the tour's recent Manila leg, MOS electrified the local party scene with a smashing crowd-drawer of a gig at the NBC Tent at The Fort, Makati City.

Acknowledged all over the world to be the dance party to end all dance parties, Ministry of Sound drew thousands of party people who did not want to miss the action that Saturday night at the Tent. They were not to be disappointed as Ministry of Sound delivered its signature party experience.

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Heightening the Metro Manila encounter with MOS was limitless supply of Nescafe for partygoers. Human models added excitement to the evening. All present agreed that Nescafe plus Ministry of Sound equals partying without comparison.

Supporting the Nescafe Ministry of Sound Global Tour during the Metro Manila leg were Human, Puma, Sony, Smart Communications, MTV Philippines, NU 107, and Joey@92.3. The event was powered by Stagecraft, with Jujubees as bar host.

SEEN among the crowd at the Ministry of Sound is Ben Chan with Luis Manzano and JP Tanchangco.

Choco Taho!

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New Nestle Taho is available in the chilled section of your favorite supermarkets and convenience stores nationwide. The Nestle Taho Original is also available.

Nestle introduces new lemonade drink

NO MATTER what your age, you're likely to agree that daily life is increasingly hectic and stressful. "Burnout" is a word that has become part of our language. With all of life's heavy demands you have to deal with, it becomes more important to stay healthy and well—physically, mentally, and emotionally. You need every bit of help to maintain your balance, as you deal with all the challenges to be met—whether it's school, work or family—not to mention fighting bad traffic, crowded places, polluted air, and time pressures.

Knowing that people appreciate something healthy and great-tasting that will help them get through the day, the world's largest food company is introducing Nestle Lemonade, a new drink that invites you to "relax, refresh, recharge" during moments shared with friends, office mates, family members, and loved ones.

Nestle Lemonade offers a healthy, non-carbonated goodness, with a taste like it's just been squeezed from a fresh lemon. The new Nestle drink responds to the desire of different people—from kids in school to working adults—who, at various times of the day, want to pause for a drink that's inviting, healthful, and distinct from other beverages. People who have tried Nestle Lemonade say it "tastes just right."

The new drink is launched in line with Nestle's commitment to provide food and beverage products of the highest quality that promote health and wellness while delighting customers.

Nestlé Lemonade
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Nestle Infant Cereal launches new variants

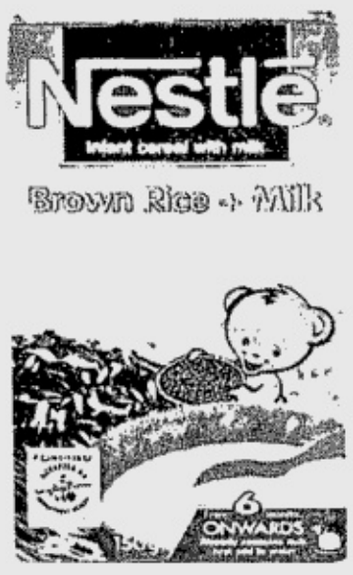
CERELAC, the baby food trusted by mothers worldwide for over 100 years, is now called Nestle Infant Cereal, in honor of Henri Nestle, the founder of the world's largest food company which bears his name.

In 1867, Henri Nestle, a chemist in Switzerland, invented the baby food now known as Nestle Infant Cereal. Originally called Farine Lactee, this revolutionary product first saved the life of a single child, then many more, at a time when malnutrition was a major cause of infant mortality in Switzerland.

In keeping with the Nestle heritage of providing the highest quality products for the nutrition and health needs of consumers, Nestle Infant Cereal products continue to serve the special needs of young children as they undergo the different weaning stages.

Good taste and variety are not the only advantages Nestle Infant Cereal now offers. Its products have likewise been nutritionally improved. Backed by the company's leadership in nutrition research and development, Nestle Infant Cereal is now fortified with Prebio1, a scientific breakthrough developed by the Nestle Research Center in Switzerland. Prebio1 has been proven to prevent constipation, promote a healthy tummy, aid the absorption of vitamins and minerals, and build your baby's immune system.

Your baby can now enjoy the delicious taste and helpful benefits of the Nestle Infant Cereal range: Wheat Banana, Wheat, Rice Mixed Vegetables, Rice, and the two new variants Green Monggo and Brown Rice.



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MOTOROLA, FULL CIRCLE COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT

Motorola's personal communications sector recently signed a contract with Full Circle Communications as its official PR agency. Formalizing the partnership are Amylyn Sison-De Quiros (left), president of Full Circle Communications, and Ellen T. Suarez, Motorola's marketing manager for consumer solutions group-South Asia.

Remembering movie songs

MORE often than not, memorable movies come with equally memorable theme songs. Filipinos are generally lovers of movies and sentimental music. A nostalgic walk down memory lane recalling some of the greatest movies ever shown and their theme songs is a welcome treat. On Nov. 14, the finalists of an instrumental music competition dubbed Wild Vines Movie Symphony, consisting of non-professional musical groups and hobbyists, will be showcasing their talents by rendering their chosen movie theme song entry using various musical instruments of their choice. The competition, sponsored by Wild Vines, the wild new taste in wines, will be held at the GSIS Theater on Roxas Boulevard. P25,000, P15,000, and P7,500 go to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners.

Sustaining strong corporate brands

BESTSELLING business author Michael Alan Hamlin will speak on building and sustaining strong corporate brands in two seminars Nov. 14 and 15 at RCBC Plaza. The Nov. 14 session focuses on brand identity and measuring brand equity. Nov. 15 will be concerned with ways to implement and manage a strategic branding program. A 30-year resident of Asia, Hamlin has broad experience with multinational and Asian organizations in the development of strategic marketing communications and corporate brand building programs. For details, call TeamAsia at 876-5200 or e-mail mbnuyda@teamasia.com.

TDOAP national confab

THE LTO's Transportation District Officers Association of the Philippines (TDOAP) will hold its National Convention in the Development Academy of the Philippines Hotel and Conference Center from Nov. 14 to 16. The event emphasizes the role of the TDOAP in projecting the good image of the LTO by the delivery of quality service to its clientele. Guest speakers are Cavite Governor Ayong Maliksi and DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza. Assistant Secretary Roberto T. Lastimoso gives the inspirational talk. Tagaytay City Mayor Francis N. Tolentino delivers the welcome address. The election of TDOAP officers for 2003 will be held on the last day of the convention.

Disenyo 2002 holds seminars for entrepreneurs, housewives

THE WOMEN in Construction Foundation Inc (WIC) announced its simultaneous seminars during the Disenyo 2002 Exhibit to be held from Nov. 14 to 17 at the World Trade Center in Pasay City to cater to the small and medium businessmen, housewives and engineering, architecture and interior design professionals.

For entrepreneurs, interesting seminars on Financial Management for Entrepreneurs, Creative Taxation for Small and Medium Businesses, Contract Administration for Small and Medium Businesses, Protection Inventions and Product Patenting, Creative Marketing for Interior-Based Products, and Product Design Trends for Home and Interior will be held to help improve their businesses.

For housewives, such seminar topics as Practical Feng Shui for House Planning, Feng Shui for Everyday Living, Interior Decorating on a Shoestring Budget, Creating New Settings at Minimal Costs, Pocket Gardens, Ikebana and Floral Arrangements and Knowing your Herbal Basics will be shared by experts in the field to help create more relaxing and livable home environments.

For construction industry professionals (engineers, architects, and interior designers) topics on trends in improved concrete technologies such as Specifications for Portland Concrete Pavement, Variability of Cement Quality, Guidance for Concrete Quality Assurance, Recovery of Aggregates and Sand from Waste Concrete, Pavement Failures. Their Causes and Cures and a special topic on Asphalt Recycling will be held today, Nov. 14.

Another seminar on Waste Management System for the Construction Industry will be held on Nov. 15 to launch the advocacy program of the WIC in protecting the environment and to introduce to professionals possible business opportunities in construction waste.

Entrepreneurs involved in small and medium construction, engineering and interior-design based businesses, homemakers, students, professionals, construction industry practitioners, and others are invited to attend these seminars.

Disenyo 2002 is a joint effort of the WIC, Philippine Institute of Interior Design (PIID), Philippine Council for Small and Medium Enterprises (Philsmed), and the Cebu Chamber of Furniture Industries (CCFI) to showcase the best in local interior design artistry.

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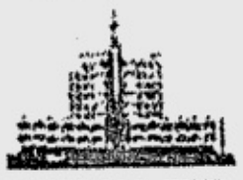

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December 2, 2002 (10:00 AM)	Pre-bidding Conference
December 17, 2002 (9:00-10:00 AM)	Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals
(10:45 AM)	Opening of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals

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(Sgd.) PEDRO S. HERNANDO, JR.
Deputy Administrator & Chairman, BAC

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
MATRIMONIAL CAUSES NO. 2576 OF 2001

BETWEEN
ESTRADA, MAGNOLIA GERMAINE G., nee GONZALES, MAGNOLIA F., also known as MAGNOLIA GERMAINE FORTAJADA GONZALES — *Petitioner*
And
ESTRADA DOLPHY A. — *Respondent*

NOTICE

A Petition for divorce has been filed against ESTRADA DOLPHY A. of unknown address who may apply to the Family Court Registry at M2/F, Wanchai Law Courts, Wanchai Tower, No. 12 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong for a copy of the Petition for Divorce. If within one month he has not communicated with the Family Court Registry, the Court may hear the case in his absence.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late NIEVES R. DESUASIDO was extra-judicially settled partially among her heirs as per Doc. No. I, Page No. I, Book No. I, Series of 2002 under Roy R. Rebanal of Oas, Albay, Notary Public.
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INVITATION TO BID

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JBIC requires that bidders and contractors, as well as DepEd-SEDIP under contracts funded with JBIC ODA loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JBIC: 1. will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; 2. will recognize a contractor as ineligible, for stated period of time, to be awarded a contract funded with JBIS ODA loans if it, at any time, determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt and fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, another contract financed by JBIC ODA loans or other Japanese ODA.

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MUNICIPALITY OF JORDAN
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A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders starting **20-29, 2002** until 5:00 p.m. of **November, 2002** upon submission of a Letter of Intent to the above office and payment of a non-refundable fee of P5,000.00.

Pre-bid conference shall be conducted on **December 2, 2002** at 2:00 p.m. to be held at **Jordan Session, Jordan, Guimaras.**

Submission of bid together with all documents required in the bid documents must be delivered to the aforesaid venue on **December 9, 2002**, 10:00 a.m. at the **Jordan Session Hall, Jordan, Guimaras.** All bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidders or their legally authorized representatives.

(Sgd.) **FELIPE HILAN A. NAVA, M.D.**
Municipal Mayor, BAC Chairman

(PDI - Nov. 14, 20 & 26, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF MANILA
BRANCH 37

PETER M. IGNACIO,
Plaintiff,
-versus- CIVIL CASE NO. 01-102503
POLICE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, INC. et al.,
Defendants.
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NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, by virtue of Writ of Execution dated September 26, 2002 issued by HON. VICENTE A. HIDALGO, Presiding Judge of Regional Trial Court, Manila, Branch 37 in the above-entitled case for the recovery by way of distraint of the sum of P10,471,109.03 and the cost of suit plus sheriff's fees and expenses of sale, LEVY was made by the undersigned on February 18, 2002 thru the Register of Deeds of Meycauayan, Bulacan, upon the rights, interest and participation which the defendant CESAR A. BARIA have or may have on the realty together with its improvements existing thereon, which particularly described as follows to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-282251 (M) — **Book No. 1412, Page No. 51**

A parcel of land (Lot r, blk 10 of cons. subd. Plan Pcs-03-000613 being a portion of the cons. Lots 8-A & 8-B (LRC) Pad-223282, LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 11503) situated in the Bo. of San Jose (now Tungkong Manga) Mun. of Sta. Maria (now San Jose del Monte) Prov. of Bulacan. Bounded on the N., alongline 1-2 by lot 3; on the E., alongline 2-3 by lot 6 both of blk. 10; on the S., alongline 3-4 by Road lot 10 on the W., alongline 4-11 by lot 2, blk. 10 all of the cons. subd. plan. Beginning at a t.marked "1" on plan being S.62 deg. 58'E., 1075.81 m. from Mon 101 Tala Est. thence No. 86 degree. 31'E., 10.00 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 3 deg. 29'E., 12.00 m. top 3; thence S.86 deg. 31'W., 10.00 m. to pt. 4; thence N.13 deg. 29' W., 12.00 m. to pt. of beginning containing an area of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) sq.m.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of said Writ of Execution and in accordance with Rule 39, Section 15, of the Rules of Civil Procedure, the undersigned will SELL at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency on December 11, 2002 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC Metro Manila the above-described property/realty in order to satisfy the said Writ of Execution, plus Sheriff's fees and expenses of sale.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoied to investigate and verify for themselves the title of said realty encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

City of Manila, October 22, 2002.

FOR THE CLERK OF COURT AND
EX-OFICIO SHERIFF, MANILA

(Sgd.) **CONRADO G. LAMANO**
Deputy Sheriff IV

(PDI-Nov. 14 & 21, 2002)

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Dead spot

Q. Why can't hair grow on a vaccination mark?

A. A vaccination mark is nothing more than a scar tissue. A vaccination causes an inflammation intense enough to destroy the hair follicles in its vicinity. Any deep injury to the skin will destroy hair follicles and cause hair loss, a condition known to dermatologists as 'scarring alopecia.' One can easily transplant hair into a vaccination mark, if desired, but one can never bring a dead hair follicle back to life.

Which is which? Vaccination / Inoculation / Immunization. To be etymologically precise, one can be vaccinated only with cowpox vaccine (for *vaccine* comes from the Latin *vacca*, 'cow'). It was administered by *vaccination*, scratching the skin with a needle that has been dipped in virus-infected serum. Later, the term *vaccine* was applied to other serums, such as the Salk polio vaccine, which were not given via pricking the skin but by hypodermic needle. Hence, *vaccination* was replaced by *inoculation*, which described any method of preventative medicine involving a poke, scratch, or injection. Still, that didn't cover Sabin's oral polio vaccine or various suppositories, implants, and such. Thus, nowadays, the blanket term *immunization* is used, which pretty much says it all.

Past Forward. This day in 1875: Birth in San Jose, Bulacan, of Gregorio del Pilar, revolutionary general, nephew of Marcelo H. del Pilar, and the youngest general in Aguinaldo's army. He died, aged 23, at Tirad Pass (Ilocos Sur) in 1899.

WORD WATCH

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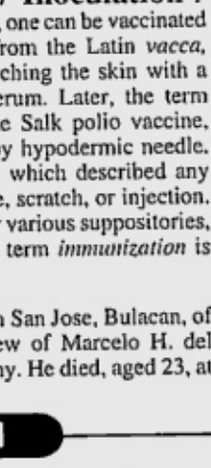

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With all her breath, she praised the Lord.

MA. ASELA "Jing" NATIVIDAD HERNANDEZ

Went home to her Creator on November 6, 2002
She would have turned 42 on November 27.

Her loving husband **Manny**; children **Kia, John, Jerique** and **Katrina**; mother **Pastora**; sisters **Mencee** and **Mariza**; relatives and friends ask the pious readers to say a prayer for her eternal rest as she goes on to join the Greatest Healer.

Her remains will be flying in from Saudi Arabia on Friday, November 15, 2002 and will be brought to Bahay Karmelo, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Project 6, Quezon City.

Her body will be cremated on Sunday, November 17, 2002 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass.

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
Romans 14:8

ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF

JOSE D. ASPIRAS

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As we celebrate anew Sunshine Joe's passage into the Kingdom, his family and friends ask you to join them in prayerful remembrance of the great gift that was his life on this earth, and in gratitude to the Almighty for the many blessings he so generously shared with all who were part of it.

Special Masses for his eternal repose will be said today in the following churches:

Basilica of Our Lady of Charity (CRYPT) *Agoo, La Union*	*4:00 p.m.*	**Sta. Maria Della Strada** *La Vista, Q.C.*	*6:00 a.m.*
Immaculate Concepcion *Rosario, La Union*	*6:00 a.m.*	**Sto. Domingo Church** *Quezon Blvd., Q.C.*	*12:15 p.m.*
Our Lady of Lourdes *Damortis, La Union*	*6:30 a.m.*	**Mary the Queen** *Greenhills, San Juan*	*6:00 p.m.*
Holy Guardian *Sto. Tomas, La Union*	*6:30 a.m.*	**Sanctuario de San Jose** *Greenhills, San Juan*	*6:15 p.m.*
St. Lucy *Aringay, La Union*	*6:00 a.m.*	**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** *New Manila, Q.C.*	*6:00 p.m.*
St. John the Baptist *Caba, La Union*	*6:30 a.m.*	**Christ the King** *Green Meadows, Q.C.*	*6:00 p.m.*
St. Peter and Paul *Bauang, La Union*	*6:15 a.m.*	**Christ the King** *E. Rodriguez, Q.C.*	*6:30 a.m.*
St. Isidore *Tubao, La Union*	*6:00 a.m.*	**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** *Project 6, Q.C.*	*6:00 p.m.*
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In Loving Remembrance
on the First Death Anniversary of

ANTONIO M. PARTOZA, SR.

of Pagadian City and San Pedro, Laguna
who died on November 14, 2001

Masses will be offered at the following churches on November 14, 2002:

Sto. Niño Cathedral, *Pagadian City*	6:00 AM
San Jose Parish Church, *San Jose District, Pagadian City*	6:00 AM
San Pedro Parish Church, *San Pedro District, Pagadian City*	6:00 AM
San Pedro Apostol Parish Church, *San Pedro, Laguna*	6:00 AM
San Pedro Cathedral, *Davao City*	6:00 AM
St. Jude Shrine Church, *Davao City*	6:00 AM
Shrine of Infant Jesus, *Davao City*	4:00 PM

Pious readers are requested to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

In Loving Memory
on the
TWENTY NINTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY
of

NESTOR B. TESORO

November 23, 1907 – November 15, 1973

Holy Masses will be offered tomorrow, November 15, at the following churches:

St. Stephen's Cathedral, *Vienna, Austria*	6:00 AM
	12:00 PM
	7:00 PM
St. John, the Evangelist, *Tanauan, Batangas*	6:00 AM
Sto. Rosario Parish Church, *Makinabang, Baliwag, Bulacan*	6:30 AM
Tesoro's Mausoleum, Manila Memorial Park, *Parañaque City*	8:00 AM
Nuestra Señora de Guia Parish, *Ermita, Manila*	12:15 PM
Immaculate Conception Parish Church, *Cubao, Quezon City*	6:00 PM
Santuario de San Antonio Parish, *Forbes Park, Makati City*	6:00 PM

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

Elvira Y. Galan

Peacefully joined her Creator on November 12, 2002 at the age of 91 after a lingering illness at the UP Infirmary Q.C.

Her loving sisters **Marina G. Vicente, Pilar G. Viado, Rosario Galan**; brother **Florencio Galan**; nieces, nephews, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at the Philam Homes Church, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Friday, November 15, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection at the Family Mausoleum, La Loma Catholic Cemetery.

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John 11:25-26

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Former Vice Mayor of Solsona, Ilocos Norte.

Joined her Creator on November 9, 2002 at the age of 88.

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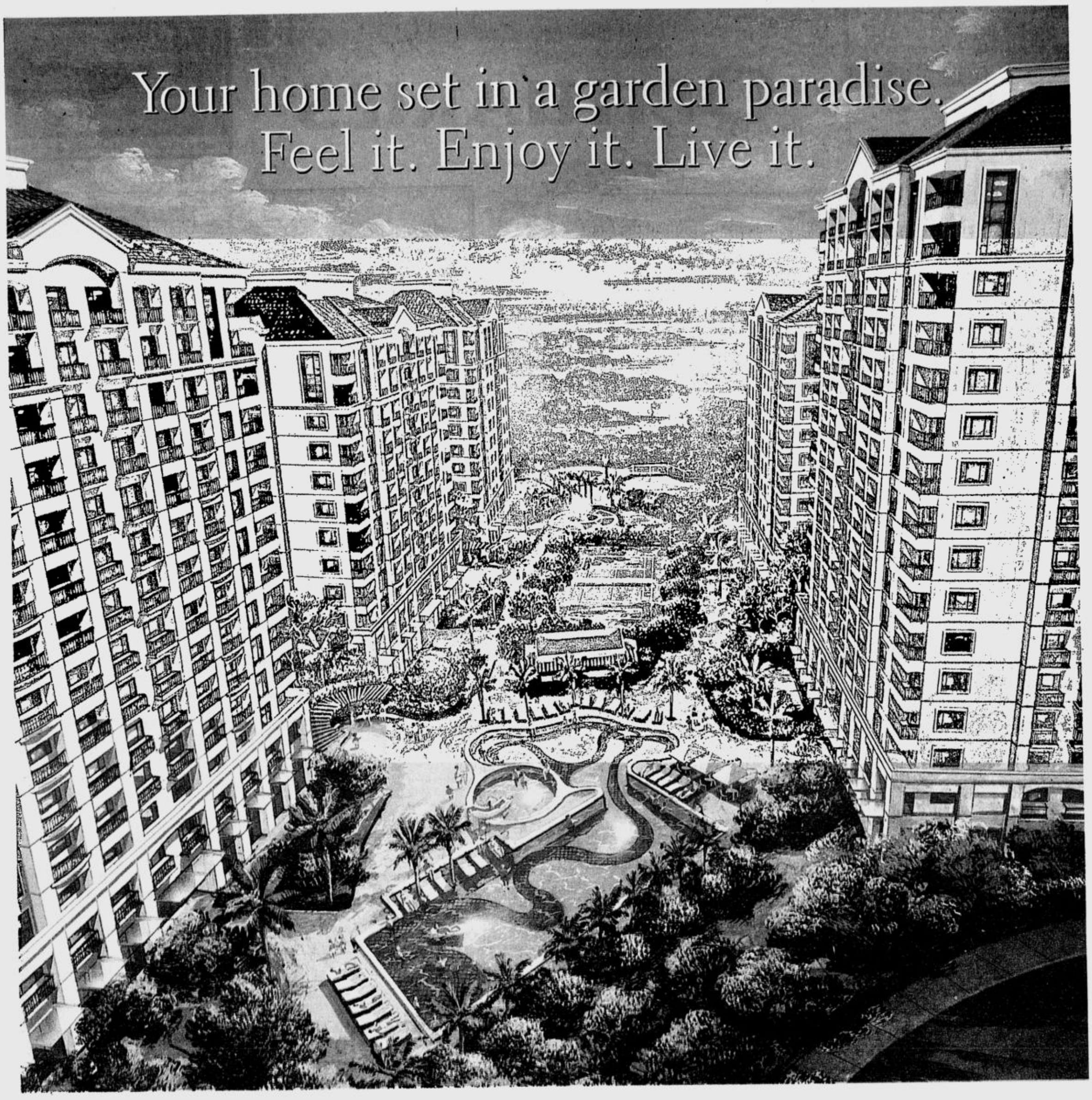

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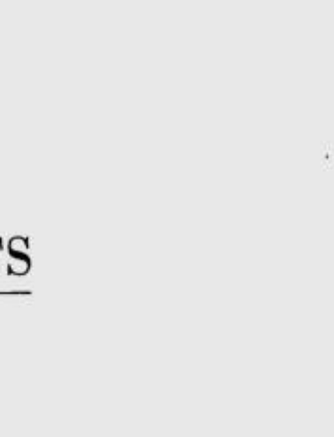

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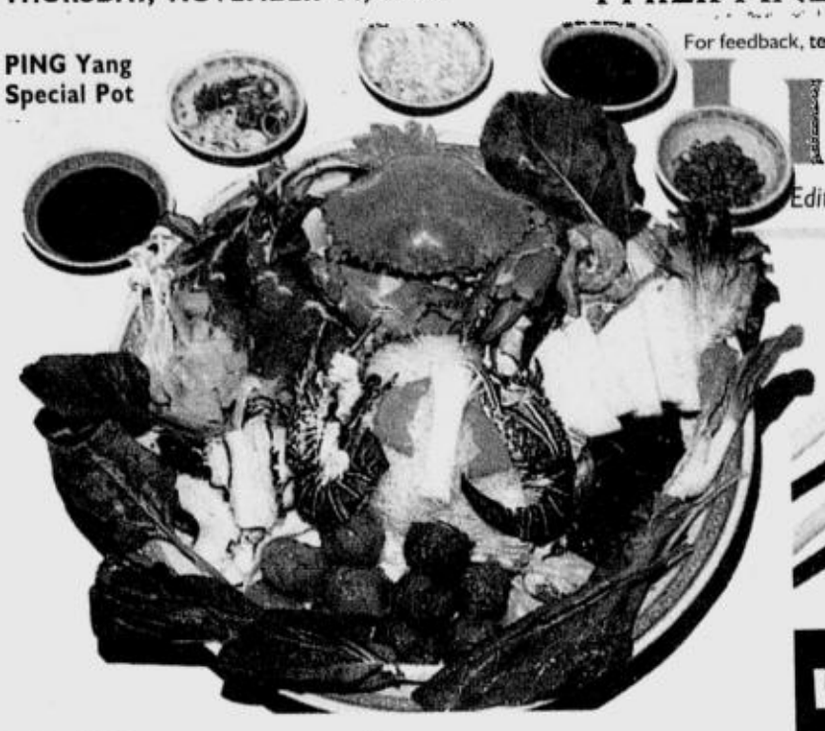

PING Yang Special Pot

TARO Fried Spring Roll

Warming up for the chilly season

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Roger Carpio

GOOD food is fine but it is a good meal—long, leisurely, filled with the sounds of biting, chewing, sipping, and scooping punctuated frequently by talk and laughter—that you remember long after lingering flavors have faded. Eating is best when it's done with one's family or friends gathered around a large table, sharing a wide selection of food placed at the center of the table but within easy reach of everyone.

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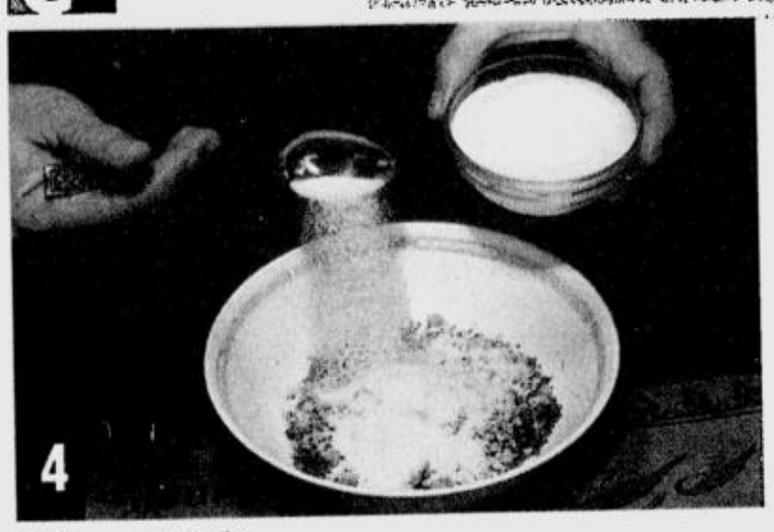
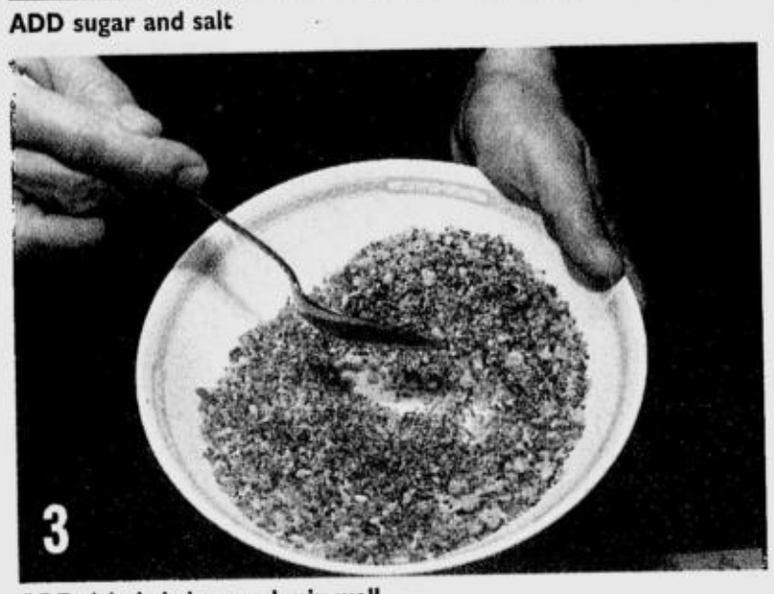
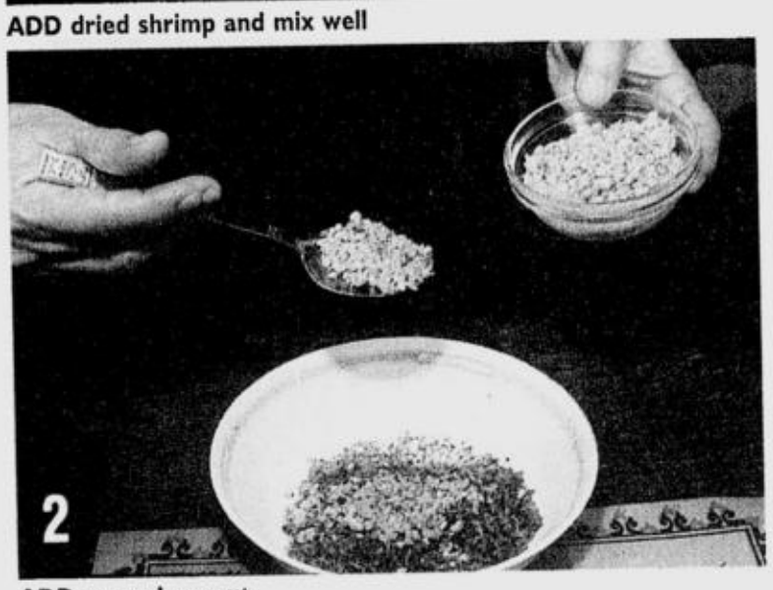


ADD sugar and salt



ADD dried shrimp and mix well



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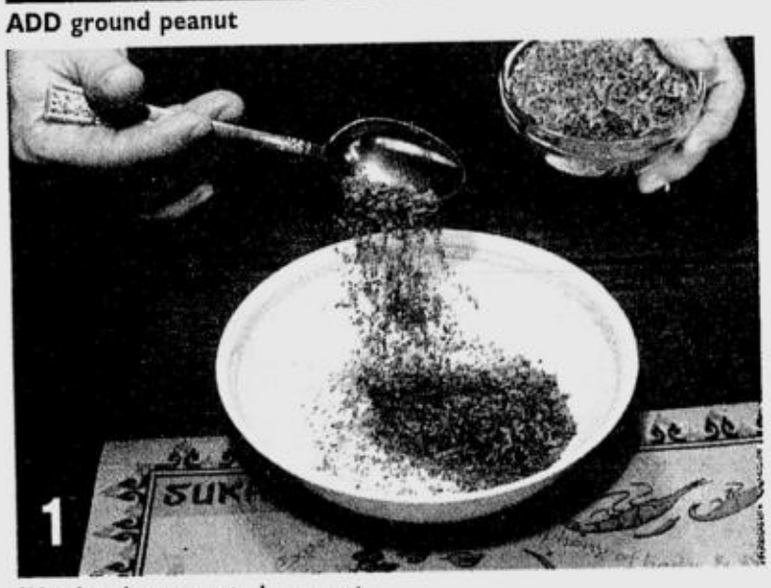


IN a bowl, put grated coconut

ADD chili powder and set aside.

MEANWHILE prepare the pomelo by peeling it and separating into segments. Tear the flesh apart into small clumps or individual sacs. Then, pour half of the coconut mixture on the pomelo mix. Add cooked shrimps.

Put a pomelo in your salad

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Roger Carpio

ONE fascinating aspect of Thai cuisine is its liberal use of exotic fruits. Mango, coconut, papaya and even banana are some popular examples.

Pomelo, cousin to the what Westerners know as grapefruit, is the most common fruit used in Yam Som-O, a pomelo salad popular among Thais. This enticing salad consists of small segments of juicy and plump pomelo. It is then tossed with roasted coconut, crushed peanuts, cooked shrimp, and sprinkled with salt, sugar and chili powder for that extra zing.

STEP-BY-STEP

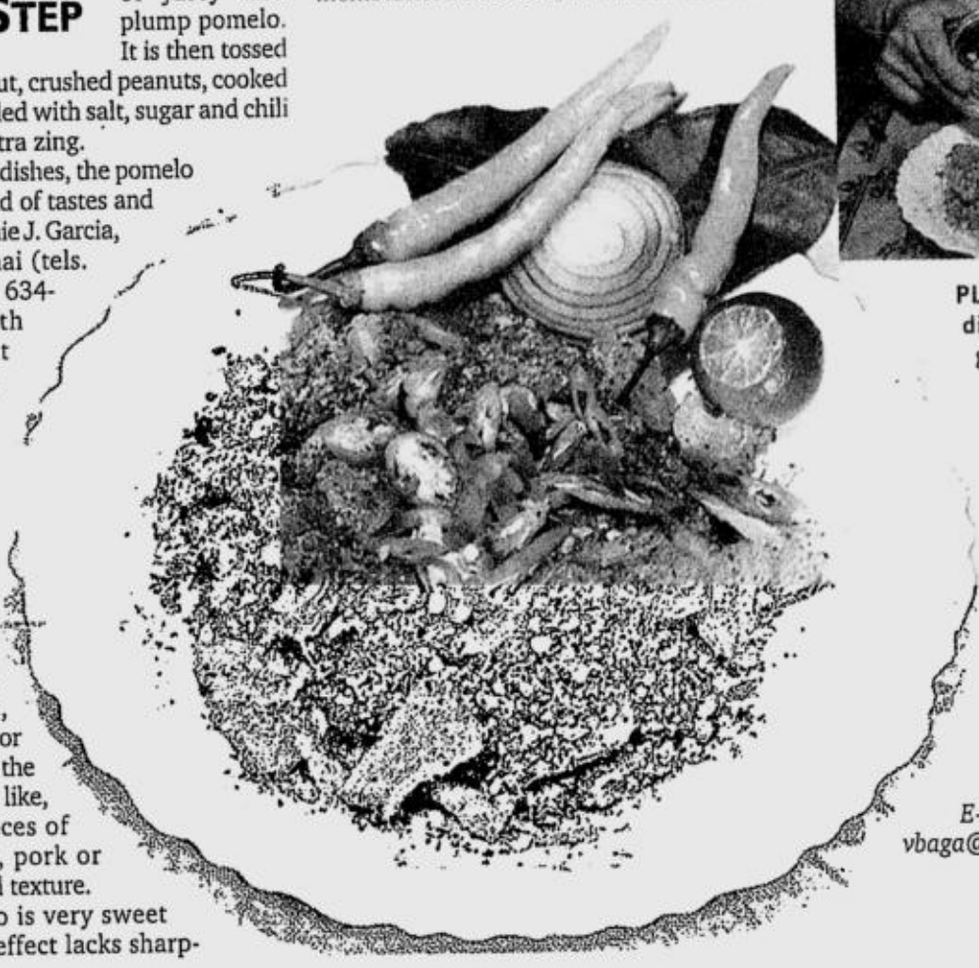
"Like many Thai dishes, the pomelo salad offers a hybrid of tastes and sensation," says Ernie J. Garcia, owner of Sukhothai (tels. 892-6855/67 and 634-1280/1738, with branches at Glorietta 3 in Ayala Center and SM Megamall). The peanuts and the coconut offer a certain crispness, which is interrupted by the soft and juicy parts of the pomelo, whose unique taste, whether sweetish or mildly sour, colors the entire dish. If you like, you can add pieces of cooked chicken, pork or shrimps for added texture.

"If the pomelo is very sweet and the overall effect lacks sharpness, adjust the flavors by adding lime juice to make it tarter. If your pomelo is a bit sour, simply add sugar. But, usually Thai is on the sour taste," Garcia notes.

In preparing this recipe, peel and separate pomelo into segments. Remove the membranes and seeds. Gently flake the flesh apart into a bowl. The peanuts are roasted and crushed. The coconut is toasted until evenly browned.

Yam Som-O is actually a dry Thai salad that may not be visually inviting but is refreshing to the palate. And though it can be a little tedious to peel the pomelo and remove the membranes and seeds, it's worth the effort.

PLACE pomelo salad on a serving dish. Nicely arrange spices and garnish around the salad.



Ingredients

200 g pomelo
70 g boiled shrimp
2 tbsp roasted coconut
1 tbsp roasted ground peanuts
1 tbsp dried shrimp, cooked and crushed
3 tsp sugar
½ tsp salt
chili powder

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Mouthwatering scallops combined with Aussie dishes

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ITALIANNI'S Restaurant offers new dishes and coffee concoctions at its branches in Greenbelt 2, Glorietta 4 and Alabang Town Center. Try Seafood Cioppino, Linguine con vongole and Rigatoni Generosa. There's the new Kahlua Coffee Smoothie, Frappe Mocha and Amaretto Smoothie. Italianni's branches are at Greenbelt 2 (728-0291); 2/L Glorietta 4 (757-1323/24); and Corte de las Palmas, Alabang Town Center (772-3320).

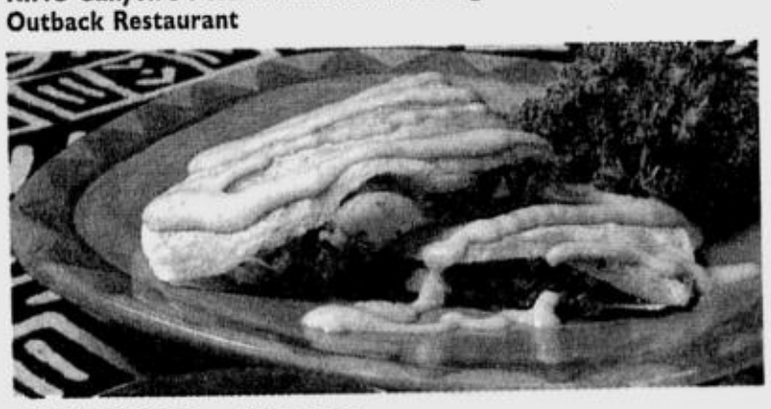
OTRA Cosa, located at the 5/L of The Podium, offers Mexican food such as Beef Burrito ala Otra Cosa (marinated sirloin steak, cup of Mexican rice, 8" handmade garlic flour tortilla, bean sauce, salsa and grated cheese) and 3-layered quesadilla (8" handmade garlic flour, herbs, ground beef filling, grilled chicken flakes, sliced button mushrooms, quickmelt cheese and dressing).

DUSIT HOTEL'S Benjarong Royal Thai Restaurant will celebrate one of Thailand's most colorful religious festivals, Louy Krathong, on Nov. 19. Guests may sample Mang Krathong (Thai herb with tamarind sauce in a crispy rice cup); for appetizer, Yam Gai Krob (crispy chicken salad), Tom Yam Po Terk (hot and spicy seafood soup); for main course, To Phi Do (stuffed squid with chicken stir-fried and basil leaves) and Tue Fak Yown Phad Moo Sai Kai (stir-fried long beans with pork and egg); and for dessert, Khao Niew Mamuang (yellow mango with sticky rice). Call 867-3333 local 3351/3352.

SEAFOOD Cioppino from Italianni's Restaurant

KING Canyon's Pork with mouthwatering Sea Scallops from Outback Restaurant

THE GREENWICH Baked Rice Melt is fluffy, white rice topped with a choice of Chili Con Carne and Chicken a la King, baked to perfection. The Chili Con Carne is a rich beef topping with the flavors of Mexico. Its sauce is a playful mix of spices and seasoning. Equally enticing is the Chicken a la King. The topping is a rich mixture of mushrooms and chicken pieces with a creamy white sauce.



QUESADILLA from Otra Cosa

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MANDARIN Oriental, Manila, in cooperation with Swiss International Airlines, brings back "Call of the Wild," the culinary offerings of Austrian guest chef Hans Tavolato, until Nov. 24, for lunch, Monday to Friday, and dinner daily at the Tivoli. To be featured are Pheasant terrine with Cumberland sauce accompanied by salad greens tossed in walnut-balsamic dressing, Salad of partridge breast on garden greens, Wild hare fillet on red wine rissoto, and Roasted wild duck breast in orange sauce with potato croquette and red wine braised red cabbage. Wines are available to complement the dishes. The Tivoli's regular a la carte menu, as well as the business lunch selection, will also be available during the promotion. Call 750-8888 local 2431/ 2432.

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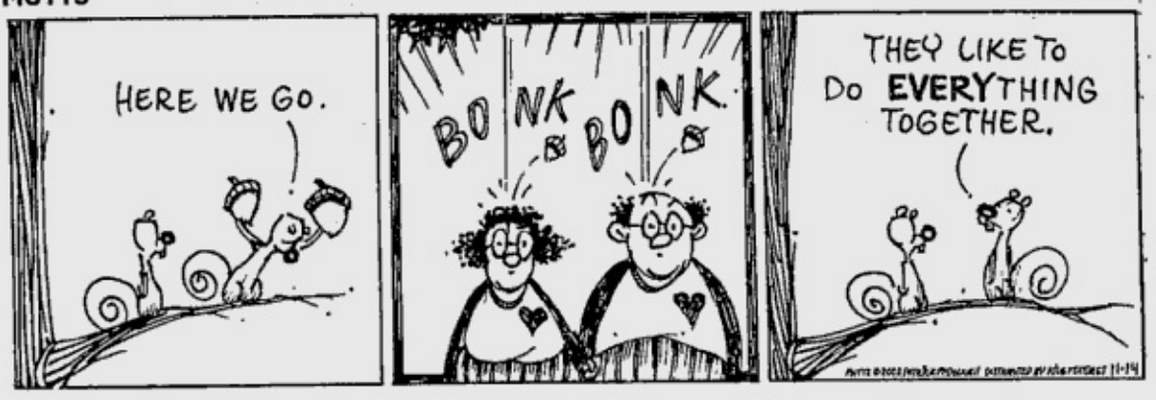

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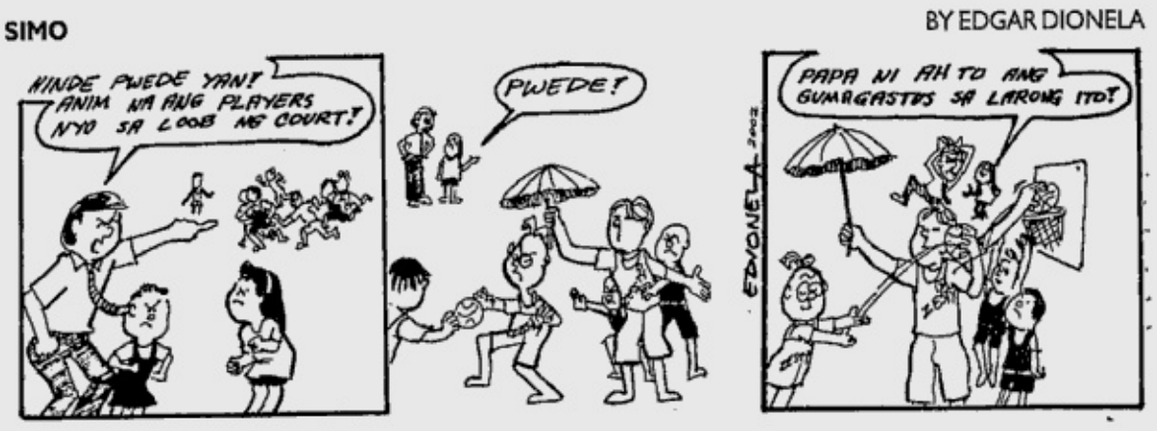

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Happy Birthday: Don't limit yourself this year. If you feel that you want to do something, just do it. Trust in yourself and your ability to do what's best for you. This is the year for change, but only if it is going to take you in a direction that is more suitable for you. Your numbers are 13, 18, 25, 31, 36, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Problems surrounding inheritance or family money are probable. Don't let outsiders get involved in handling personal financial matters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep busy. Work followed by a shopping spree will help ease the tension. Sometimes just sharing a project together at work or at homewill ease the stress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Channel your energy into moneymaking projects. Work extra hours, but let your mate or family members know ahead of time what your plans are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get busy. The creative projects you have in mind will take time, and you're on a deadline. Solicit help from children and close friends. The experience will be rewarding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your mate may be a little disgruntled if you are too busy to spend time together. Plan a winter vacation for two in order to make amends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The word "hectic" should sum things up. Keep your organizer open and don't leave any small detail undone. Delegate jobs to members of your family to ease your schedule.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Apparent changes regarding your mate will be upsetting. Don't jump to conclusions until you have all the facts. Remain as unbiased as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let jealousy get the better of you. Take a deep breath before you say anything. Travel will be your best outlet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A family member may become a burden if you bend to all of their demands. Use reason and diplomacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your attitudes and opinions are changing rapidly. Make sure you have all the facts. Arguments will erupt if you overreact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Depression will stand in your way. You have to get involved in courses or trips that will enable you to keep moving in a positive direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can meet exciting new friends through seminars or organizations you join. Spend time with like-minded individuals. You just might meet that special someone.

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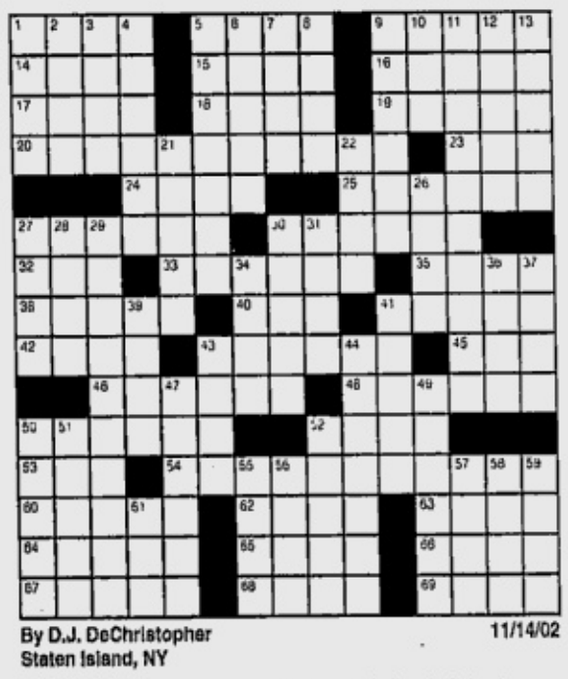

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17 Composer Khachaturian
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35 "Das Lied von der __"
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41 Stellar whale
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63 Imprint clearly
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65 Stet's opposite
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67 Put up
68 Served perfectly
69 Close

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2 Mata __
3 Islamic call to prayer
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6 Roller coaster thrills
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9 No quitter
10 "The Gold Bug" author's inits.
11 Simon smash
12 Trunk
13 Insert
21 Make scholarly corrections
22 Shade source
26 Dundee dagger
27 Shortened wd.
28 Branch of the Amazon
29 Simon smash
30 Santa's helpers
31 Cake layer
34 Bert the Cowardly Lion
36 Fight for honor
37 Anglo-Saxon slave
39 Snug spot
41 Gulf of Mex. neighbor
43 18-wheeler
44 Kept order
47 In addition
49 Small landmasses
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VEGETABLES FOR HEALTH

The Metro Manila Council of Women Balikatan Movement recently donated 500 packages of quality vegetable seeds to Education Sec. Edilberto de Jesus for planting in schools with available lots. Vegetable-growing is one of the major programs of the Council, with the assistance of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office through Olivia de Leon, and the Manila Seedling Bank through Chito Bertol. In photo are (L-R) Balikatan treasurer Lita Carpio and Cris Paje; Balikatan asst. secretary Tessie Preligera; Secretary De Jesus, council chair Leonarda Camacho and council secretary Rexie Constantino.

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Start your own food business this holiday season

THE MAYA Kitchen Culinary Arts Center guides you through the rigorous planning this coming season of celebration. Its classes can also be your ticket to extra cash this Christmas because with the knowledge gained in these lectures, you can start your own food business.

Learn how to make a Party Pack Menu on Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Serve delicious dishes at Noche Buena, such as Shrimp Spareribs, Mongolian Korean BBQ Squids, Coconut Pineapple Rice. No less than Master Chef Sita Ram will conduct the course. On the same date and time, there's Fruitcakes and More, where you can learn to create Golden Fruitcake, Light and Dark Fruitcake to Royal Fruitcake, plus the recipe for German Stollen and Italian Pannetone. At 1:30-5 p.m., breeze through savory pasta dishes such as Lasagna, Chicken Canneloni; and sauces (Garlic Fettuccini, Carbonara, Putanesca, Pesto and Negra).

The Party Pack Menu 2 class will be held on Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and will feature Vegetable Samosa, Charcoal Grilled Prawns with Special Sauce, Mongolian Korean Style Boneless Chicken BBQ, Indonesian Beef Stew, Nasi Goreng, Saffron Sticky Rice.

End your Noche Buena with traditional Filipino desserts. Make *kakanin* on Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Create Putong Puti, Sapin Sapin, Cassava Bibingka, Cuchinta, Pichi-Pichi, Maja Blanca, plus a bonus lesson on Salabat and Maya Bibingka. At 1:30-5 p.m., learn about Baking with Institutional Mixes.

For more comprehensive classes, you can enroll in certificate courses like Basic and Advanced Cake Decorating on Nov. 16 and 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Messmen, Stewards and Beginners can enroll in Cooking I on Nov. 26-29, 1:30-5 p.m. Cooking II for Career Cooks will be held on Nov. 20-22 or Dec. 4-6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; and there's the Baking I class on Nov. 20-22 or Dec. 4-6, 1:30-5 p.m.

Visit the Maya Kitchen (Tuesday to Saturday) at 8/F, Liberty Building, A. Arnaiz Ave. (Pasay Road), Makati City, or call 892-1185 or 891-5011 local 108; e-mail mayakitchen@pacific.net.ph.

Fish sauce company joins Philippine food expo

LONG associated with fish sauce on every Filipino table, Tentay Food Sauces Inc. (TFSI) has since set out to conquer the world.

Recognizing the need of people in the food industry to network and avail of shared knowledge, Tentay Food Sauces Inc. has also been active in events like the upcoming Asian Ethnic Food Show, as well as the Philippine Food Expo, as part of the Philippine Food Processors and Exporters Organization, Inc. (PhilFoodEx). With the second expo slated for Jan. 29 to Feb. 2, 2003 at Megatrade Hall, the trade fair is designed to bring together all levels of the food industry and showcase the latest technology and trends in the food business. The exposition will also feature seminars and demonstrations on accreditation and international standards, packaging, merchandising and branding. There will also be culinary demonstrations and competitions.

Participants are encouraged to avail of consultations on various topics such as product label and analysis evaluation or product improvement and development sessions.

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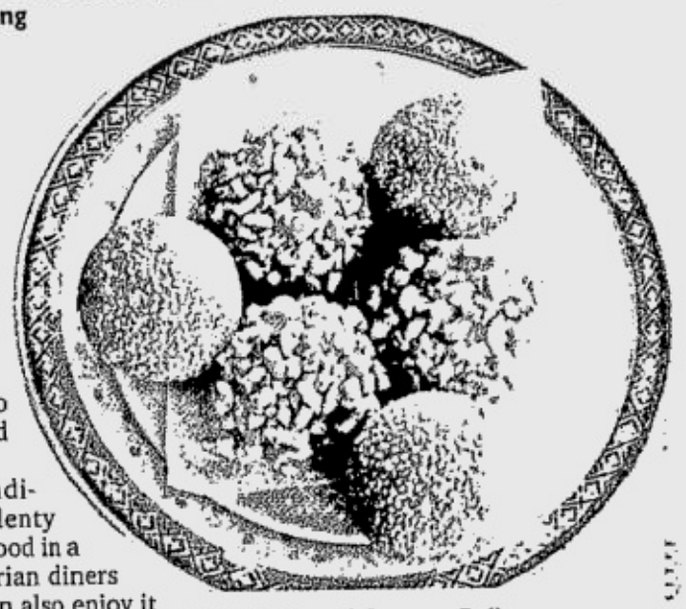

MASACHI and Sesame Balls

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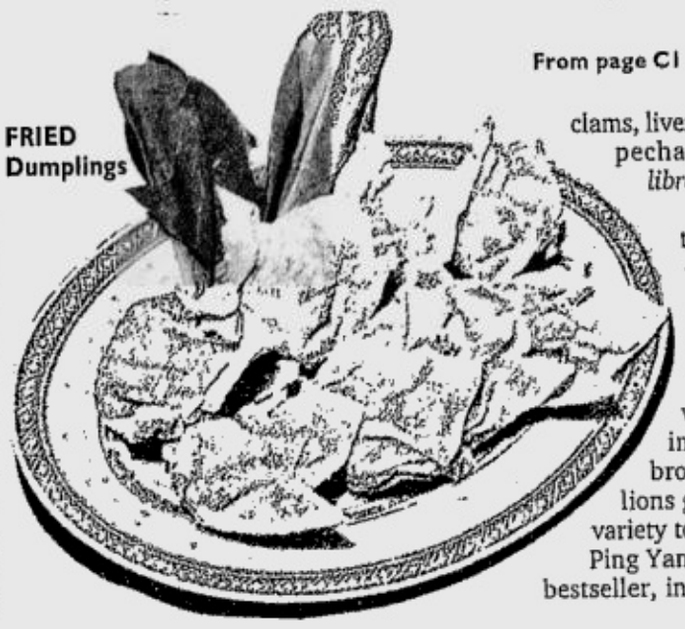

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Dumplings

clams, liver, fishball, Baguio pechay, beef ball and *libro-libro*.

Though it's traditional to have plenty of meat and seafood in a hot pot, vegetarian diners of Ping Yang can also enjoy it meatless. Some people might find it hard to imagine cooking veggies without any meat flavorings, but Li says that vegetable broth, sliced leeks, onions or scallions give flavor to the soup and add variety to veggie offerings.

Ping Yang's Vegetable Hot Pot, another bestseller, includes golden mushrooms, lettuce, watercress, *polanchay*, broccoli, *pechay*, seaweeds, *mustasa*, tomatoes, *gabi*, garlic leeks and radish.

Aside from hot pots, Ping Yang also offers dimsum, noodle *hofan-bihon* in soup, congee, short orders like roasted duck, Hong Kong white chicken, steamed eel with *tausi*, fried dumplings and steamed rock lobster with garlic and desserts such as white lotus *siopao*, *masachi* and sesame balls.

Healthy and versatile

Hot pots are easy, healthy, versatile, and as much fun to cook as they are tasty to eat. This is one comfort food that you can enjoy without guilt.

Armed with chopsticks and a bowl filled with just a bit of dipping sauce (onion leeks, garlic, chili sauce, *sate* sauce from Taiwan or *siling labuyo* blended with Ping Yang's soy sauce), each person in a table selects tidbits from an array of offerings, dropping them into the broth to cook and to soak up the flavors, then fishing them out once they're cooked and tender.

Diners can select their broths (a pot is partitioned into two) from bland to fiery and pick from dozens of raw meats, seafood, vegetables and noodles heaped on platters.

Ping Yang's spicy broth has curry powder, *tanglad*, chili sauce and soya beans while the plain soup includes pork ribs, chicken and salt. Be warned that the fiery broth is not for the faint of tongue.

Some seafood takes a few minutes to cook but the thin strips of beef and lamb only need a few seconds. When diners are done cooking and devouring all these tasty morsels, they can sip the remaining broth that becomes even richer after the long simmer.

"It is, in a way, an introduction to cooking since, with the hot pot, one learns quickly about what foods cook more slowly than others, and how to judge when an ingredient had cooked just long enough," Li says.

The Chinese hot pot is essentially a cook-your-own-lunch-or-dinner event disguised as an informal feast.

According to Li, you can use the other end of your chopsticks when you're cooking if you want to be proper. But dipping the utensils in simmering—even occasionally boiling—broth would do a pretty good job of killing germs. Besides, no matter how hard you try, at some point, you'll forget to flip those chopsticks around.

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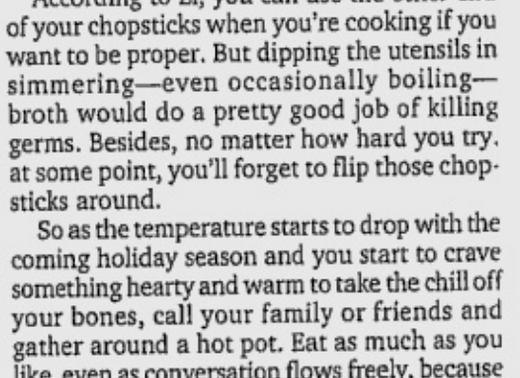

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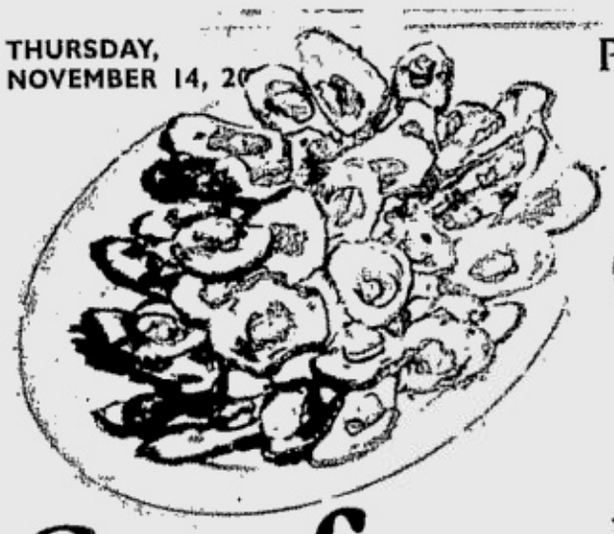

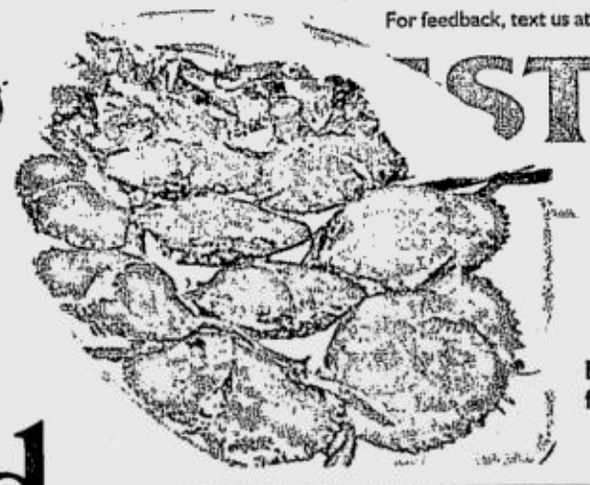

FAT oysters and fatter crabs

Seafood and then some

By Constantino C. Tejero

SAY *alimango* (crab) and what comes to mind is Capiz. Say prawns and shrimps, green mussels and oysters, tuna and blue marlin, eel and milkfish, squids and seaweeds, dried and fresh fishes, and the association is almost always Capiz. In fact, there's a shellfish whose name is inextricably linked to that of the province.

Capiz has one of the richest fishing grounds in the country. Its capital, Roxas City, has long been known as the Seafood Capital of the Philippines. The city's land area itself used to be 40-percent fishponds, until recent subdivision developments have reduced that to 35 percent.

This claim to fame owes largely to what must be the biggest area of brackish water in the country

"Our coastal brackish area alone is as big as the city itself," says city councilor Mark Anthony Ortiz. "Our only competitions are Pampanga and Pangasinan, but I doubt if they have this big an area."

The expanse of swampy land intertwined with a network of brackish water has been converted into some 10,000 hectares of fishponds, particularly in the towns of Pan-ay, President Roxas, Pilar and Pontevedra. The towns of Sapian and Ivisan are rich sources of *talaba, tahong,* green mussels, *kapis* shells, while most of the crabs and prawns come from Pontevedra and President Roxas.

It's no wonder then that the province's main tourist attraction includes numerous eateries with seafood specialties, which are usually grilled, steamed, boiled or just steeped in vinegar and spices. (Ilonggos, which the Capizeños basically are, are known for their simply prepared cuisine consisting of fresh ingredients, mainly marvelous seafood and beautiful vegetables.)

Whispering market

Just three kilometers from the city proper is a place called Baybay, the city's answer to Bacolod's Manokan Country and Iloilo's

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AN EMBARRASSMENT of fishes

Seafood and then some

Capizeños are known for their simply prepared cuisine consisting of fresh ingredients, mainly seafood and veggies

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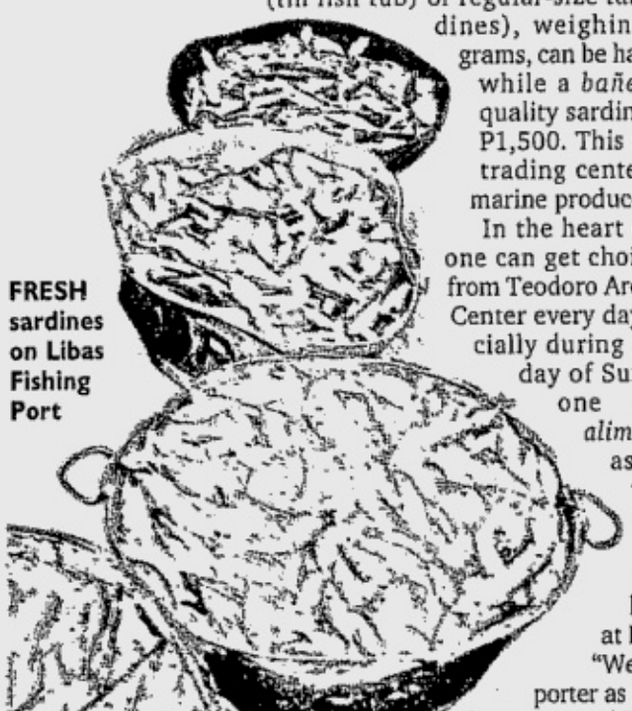
Tatoy's and Marina's. This is a 10-km beach that has become a tourist attraction for its kilometer stretch of resorts and restaurants specializing in fresh seafood, such as Marc's Baybayon, Barbasa Beach Resort (*talaba*), Baybay Seafood Plaza.

Capiz Bay Resort, located in the middle of a fishpond, is where the visitor is treated to literally jumping-fresh seafood. One has only to point to a swimming creature outside the window and right away it will be served on the table. Or you may choose to fish out of the water yourself the creature you fancy. Either way, this is where you go for that ultimate fresh *bangus* experience.

For dried fish, the Banica wharf is the place. For over three centuries, this spot has been used as a port by boats from the neighboring island-provinces of Masbate, Sibuyan and Romblon, so you'll find a wide variety of sun-dried or brine-preserved deep-sea fishes here.

Olotayan Island off the coast of Banica is where one finds the production of dried squid and fish *tapa* (fillet of fish, thinly sliced, spiced and sun-dried). This island of 500 people has also become a tourist zone for its pristine shoreline and blue water ideal for swimming, snorkeling and scuba-diving.

On Libas Fishing Port in the outskirt of the city is a whispering market where a *bañera* (tin fish tub) of regular-size *tamban* (sardines), weighing 50 kilograms, can be had for P450, while a *bañera* of top-quality sardines goes for P1,500. This is the city's trading center for fresh marine produce.



FRESH sardines on Libas Fishing Port

In the heart of the city, one can get choice seafood from Teodoro Arcenas Trade Center every day, but especially during the market day of Sunday. Here one can find *alimango* as big as a saucer with its whole carapace filled with hard *aligue*, at P160 a kilo.

"We're a net exporter as far as food is concerned," says Ortiz. The rich bounty is being showcased annually in a seafood festival during Roxas City's four-day fiesta, the Sinadya sa Halaran, which starts on Dec. 4 and culminates on Dec. 8, the Feast of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

Fragments of shell

A few years ago, however, disaster struck. The Capizeños witnessed the mass annihilation of the *diwal* (angelwing shellfish) and the *locon* (prawn), two native marine creatures of which the people are justly proud. They don't know why but now the shellfish seems to have completely disappeared.

Ortiz remembers the beautiful death scene of the *locon*: "They turned luminous at night while dying, and you could see the water aglow in the dark. After reaching 25 grams, they just died, probably from bacteria. It was because of overstocking, overpopulation, and the system wasn't cleaned up, so the bacteria just bred."

His family used to have 100 ha of fishponds, now reduced to 40 ha after the failure of prawn production and the family sold tracts to land developers. They now culture only *bangus* and seaweeds.

"We started the prawn industry," Ortiz says wistfully. "Then Bacolod followed. Now, while the others are booming, Roxas City just goes on as before. It is said Iloilo and Bacolod are sibling rivals and Roxas is the indifferent third brother. *Sige, away kamo inyo dira, mapungko lang kami amon diri.* Anyway, *guwapo man kami amon di ya.* (Okay, fight it out there while we sit it out here. Anyway, we're still good-looking here.)"

One time, however, while strolling on the beach, Ortiz saw the shell of a *diwal*. Now, from time to time, he would find shell fragments of the rare creature on the sand.

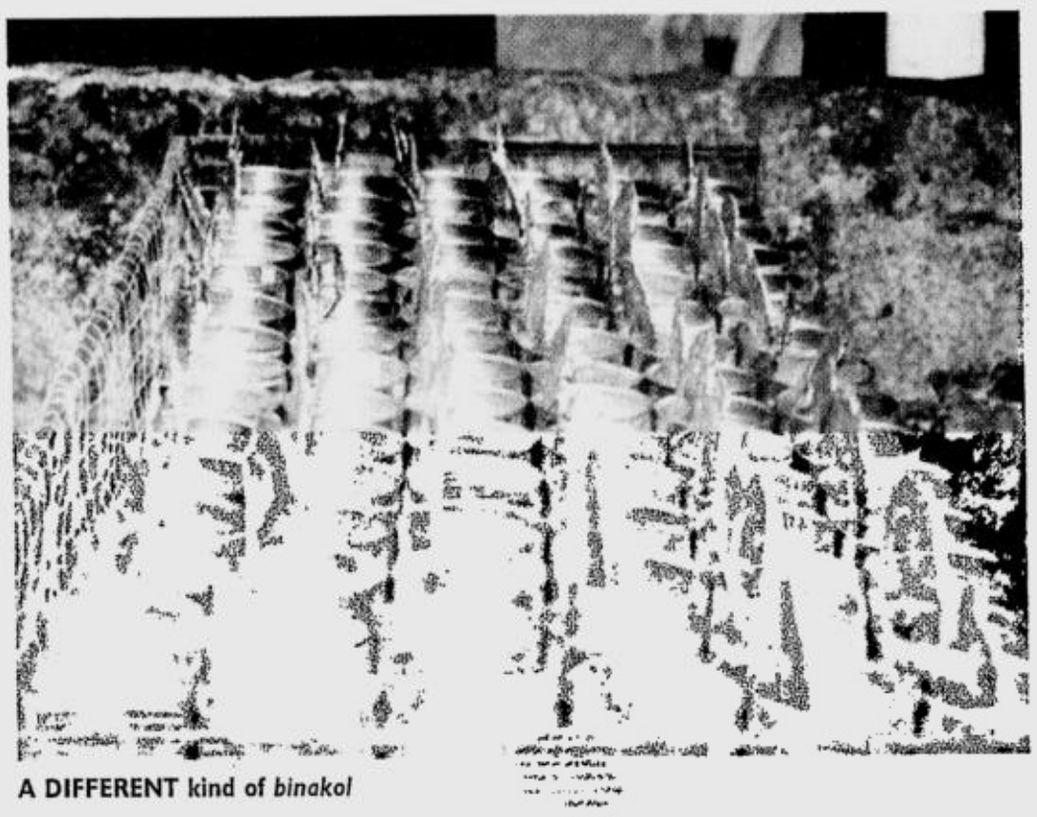
Some people say the broken shells have been brought over by the water current from the neighboring town of Pan-ay. Does that mean then that the angelwings have returned?

Culinary hotspots

The city doesn't just rest on its seafood, however. It boasts of a diversity of cuisine, from haute to *masa*, that attracts both visitors and locals.

In fact, the Baybay eateries serve dishes other than seafood that have become just as famous. Marc's Barbecue, said to be the best in the city, offers that light blend of spiciness and sweetness since 1972. Wayfarer, a billiards place with a bar, is known for its sizzling pork belly.

Boy Daria's Sugbahan has good grilled baby-back ribs and chicken *inasal*, while Borda's barbecue is as well known as its *talaba*. And there's RML B's Manokan and Bangkaya Manokan (chicken, of course).



A DIFFERENT kind of *binakol*

DRIED *tamban* from the Banica wharf

The city proper offers a wider variety with such culinary hotspots as: Ysabel's, for steaks and ribs; MVW Restaurant, for Chinese food; President's Inn, for breakfast, Continental, American or Filipino (fried *palad* fish, *embotido, adobo pan de sal*); Nino's Ristorante, for Italian dishes using local ingredients, its version of *bulalo*, pasta, four-cheese pizza, the simple Pizza Margarita.

For really native cuisine, go to eateries such as: Peb-peb's Store; Lydia's Carinderia, for clean simple fare such as *tinola* (soupy vegetable dish) and *sugba* (grilled chicken or fish); Lino Villaruz's sidewalk eatery, patronized by tricycle drivers for its *utan* (vegetable dish) of *alugbate, kangkong* or bamboo shoot with *takway*, its charcoal-broiled pork and *isda sarciado* or with *tausi*.

Capizeño *binakol* is quite different from the more famous one of Iloilo. Here it is tripe in a soup soured with *kamyas* or *batwan* and spiked with *sili*, cooked slowly in a tin can, then served with *pan de leche* that is grilled and basted with barbecue marinade.

This vibrant repast has become a trend started by Alipongan Binakol. Now it can be had at Otay's, Dizon, even at Kulasisi Videoke Bar.

Buffet restaurant opens outlet at Harrison Square

CABALEN opened its second franchised outlet at the new Harrison Village Square Mall, Manila. The new Cabalen restaurant can sit more than 100 guests, with a function room for 30 for private and corporate gatherings. Special packages are available to suit every budget.

Aside from its Kapampangan specialties, such as *inihaw na hito* with *burong isda at mustasa, sinigang na sugpo, nilasing na hipon, kare-kare, paksiw na lechon, morcon, ginataang kuhol*, fresh *lumpia, camaru* and *inihaw na pusit*,

Cabalen also has nutritious soups, such as *bulalo sa mais, sinigang na ulang sa kamias* and *sinigang na tiyan ng bangus sa bayabas*. There are over 50 choices to enjoy.

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(L-R) Katherine Mendoza, marketing manager; Linda Bartolome, sales consultant; Cabalen franchisee Irene Martel-Francisco; Fr. Joseph; and Ian Tiongon, business development manager.

Fruity wines from Chile and Argentina

CONCHA y Toro's history of producing fine wines for over a century started in the Maipo Valley of Chile, when Don Melchor de Concha y Toro brought in French vine stock from Bordeaux and contracted eminent French enologist, Monsieur de Labouchere, to prepare his first wines. To keep his finest reserves safe from meddlers, Don Melchor spread a rumor among his winery workers that the devil frequented the cellar holding his best wines. This, unwittingly, presented the name for one of the most celebrated wines of Viña Concha y Toro and Chile—Casillero del Diablo. A 1999 survey answered by almost 18,000 readers of the prestigious trade journal Wine Spectator found Concha y Toro to be the most important winery in Chile and Argentina.

Concha y Toro Casillero del Diablo Sauvignon Blanc 2001. Bright yellow in color with light emerald tints, this wine has the crisp aroma of exotic fruits with hints of sweet wood, lime and gooseberries. It offers a firm acidity in the mouth that is well balanced with some vanilla and roasted almond flavors. Suitable with shellfish and fish dishes with light sauces.

Concha y Toro Casillero del Diablo Cabernet Sauvignon 2000. Bright red in color with purple hues, this wine has an appealing aroma of red cherries and black plums with touches of dried herbs and toasty oak. It is of medium body with a straightforward fruitiness in the mouth with some chocolate, berry and toasty American oak flavors. Suitable with read meats, pastas and chocolate desserts.

These wines are available at all Peninsula Manila outlets at P340 per glass and P1,500 per bottle.

They may also be purchased at P800 per bottle at Peninsula Exclusivités located at The Peninsula Manila's Lower Lobby Shopping Arcade. Special discounts of 20 percent per case, 10 percent per half case and 15 percent per mixed case are also provided to customers who purchase the wines from Exclusivités. Wine tasting is scheduled every Thursday at 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call 887-2888 local 2970.

Selecting wine to enhance your meal

RED wine with meat; white wine with fish or fowl. Through the years, this staple and basic tenet of food pairing has guided the uninitiated on what wine to order for a specific type of food. But then again, there is more to pairing than the "red wine with meat, white wine with fish" rule.

"Wine and food pairing is almost a science. It is simply the decision about which wine will bring out the best in a given food, and which food will bring out the best in a given wine—all based on how you personally enjoy both. You don't want the food to completely overpower the wine so you cannot taste it at all. Conversely, you don't want the wine to be so strong that you can't taste the meal. Some sort of balance lies in the middle," explains Von Hizon, managing director of The Andresons Group Inc., distributor of Carlo Rossi Wines from California.

What is important, Hizon adds, is the quality of the wines, because it is almost impossible to ruin a good meal if you have selected a good wine. At the Carlo Rossi Winery in California, standards of taste, quality and consistency are the most important. For over 60 years now, Carlo Rossi Wines are consistently light, full of fruit character and are easy to drink. Every bottle is made using grapes from California, a premiere winemaking region.

For starters, Carlo Rossi shares some guidelines you may find helpful when selecting a wine to enhance your meal. Filipino foods, in general, are rich in condiments and sauces, which explains why it is difficult to pair wines with them. But Carlo Rossi California Red and White wines go well with a popular array of Filipino dishes with their smooth, light and fruity taste, allowing the palate to sense the distinct features of Filipino cuisine.

1. Wine and food should have matching weights. Select light-bodied white wines for lighter food, and fuller-bodied red wines with heartier, more flavorful dishes. Carlo Rossi California White, for instance, works beautifully with the fish because you are matching light to light. Otherwise a full-bodied, heavier wine such as Carlo Rossi California Red will be good for meats, hearty roast and food with heavy sauces.

Examples of the weight of the food (in the "light to heavy" order) are salad, potatoes, fish, poultry, pork, steak. Match these with the weight of the wine (from light to heavy)—from White Zinfandel, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinto Gris/Grigio, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Sangiovese, Zinfandel, to Cabernet Sauvignon.

2. Identify the dominant flavor in the food, and pair with the wine that either mirrors or complements the food. You can match a sweet sparkling wine along with a sweet dessert. Or add some contrast, so the spiciness in the meat stew balances against the slightly spicy flavor of Zinfandel.

When you drink wine by itself, it tastes one way, but when you take a bite of food, the wine tastes different. This is because wine is like a spice. Elements in the wine interact with the food to provide a different taste sensation like these basic reactions.

High-acid foods like salads with balsamic vinaigrette dressing, soy sauce, or fish served with a squeeze of lemon, go well with wines higher in acid (Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Noir). White Zinfandel, although not as high in acid, can provide a nice contrast to high-acid foods.

Bitter and astringent foods like a mixed green salad of bitter greens, olives and charbroiled meats accentuate a wine's bitterness. Complement it with a full-flavored forward fruity wine such as Chardonnay, Chablis, Rose. Red wines will go best with your classic grilled steak or lamb chops, as the fat in the meat will tone down the tannin (bitterness) in the wine (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel).

3. Consider how the food is prepared. Is it grilled, roasted, or fried, for instance, and what type of sauce or spice is used? For example, chicken with lemon butter sauce will call for a different, more delicate wine to play off the sauce, than a chicken glazed with all of the tomato and Italian spices, or a grilled chicken breast.

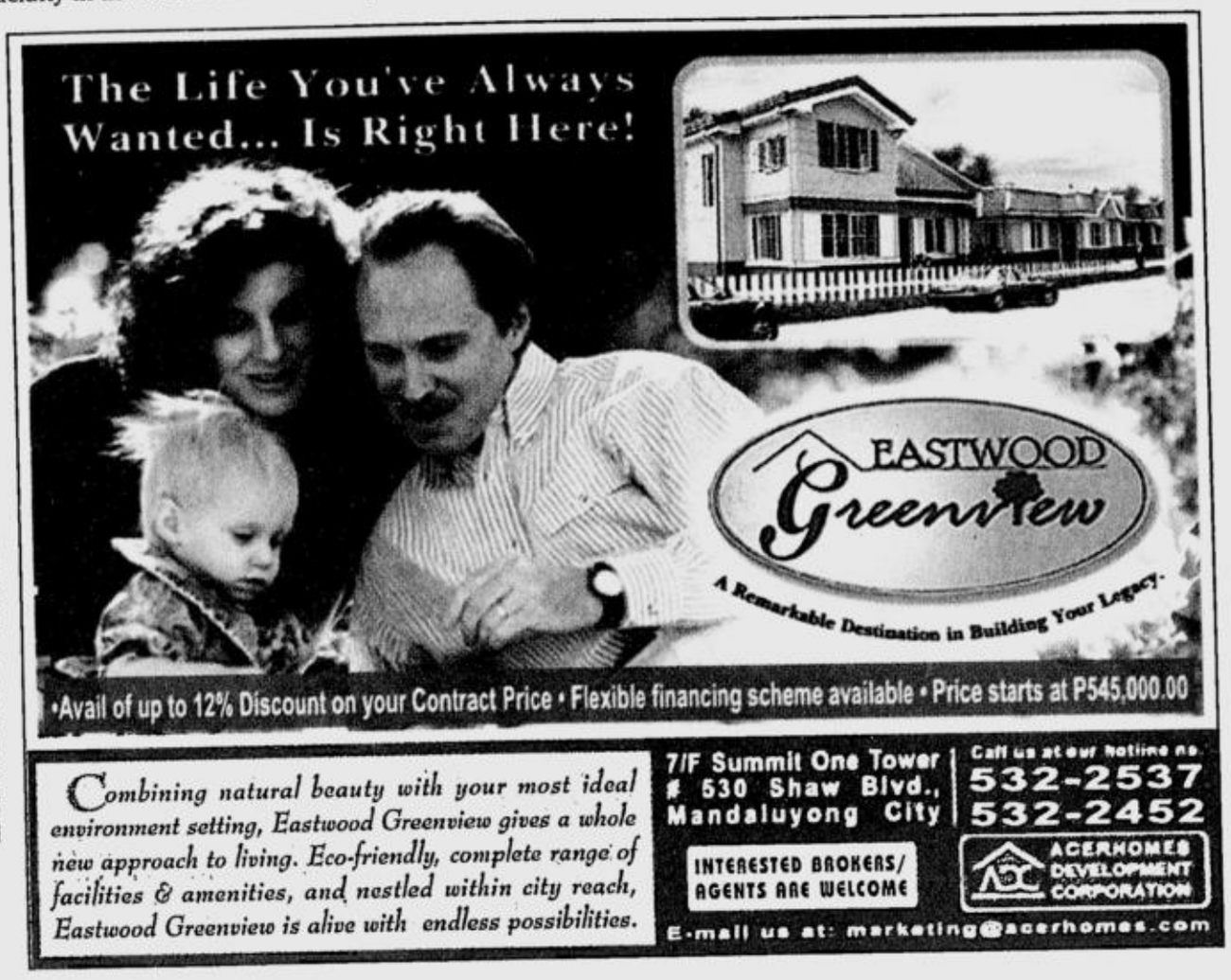
German wine earns respect

GERMANY'S Riesling wines appear to have started to earn the respect of wine authorities and merchants all over the world. The wines are now often among those recommended at fine-dining restaurants and bars as restaurateurs, chefs, and discerning wine drinkers find that Riesling can complement many dishes. Its fruity flavor and varying levels of alcohol go well with hors d'oeuvres, fish, crustaceans, white meat and mild creamy sauces.

Riesling is an aromatic wine that comes from citrus, peaches, apples, pears, exotic fruits and spices. To give the wine a slight taste of natural fruit sweetness, Riesling grapes are vinified and completely dried. Riesling has a light alcohol content, from 7 to 11 percent which is 20 to 30 percent less than the alcohol content of other wines making it ideal for dining and cooking. The best ones are Riesling Qba, Kabinett and Spatlese.

Now grown in Alsace, Austria, New Zealand and the United States Pacific Northwest, Riesling grapes are still predominantly produced in Germany on the banks of the Mosel and Rhine rivers. Germany accounts for 40 percent of the world's vineyards devoted to Riesling wine.

In the Philippines, Riesling wines are available at Brumms Wines and Specialties, a shop that specializes in the distribution of a wide variety of German wines, located at 5 Julieta Circle, Horseshoe Village, Quezon City.



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Annual Christmas drive to be launched

JOLLIBEE and Aga Muhlach are inviting families to join the Jollibee Christmas Funfair to be held Nov. 17 at the Glorietta Activity Center, Ayala Center, Makati, to launch "Ma-Aga ang Pasko sa Jollibee" Toy and Book Christmas Gift Drive, now on its 8th year.

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MINUS THE 'STUNTS'

How AUVs fared in the economy run

By Tessa R. Salazar

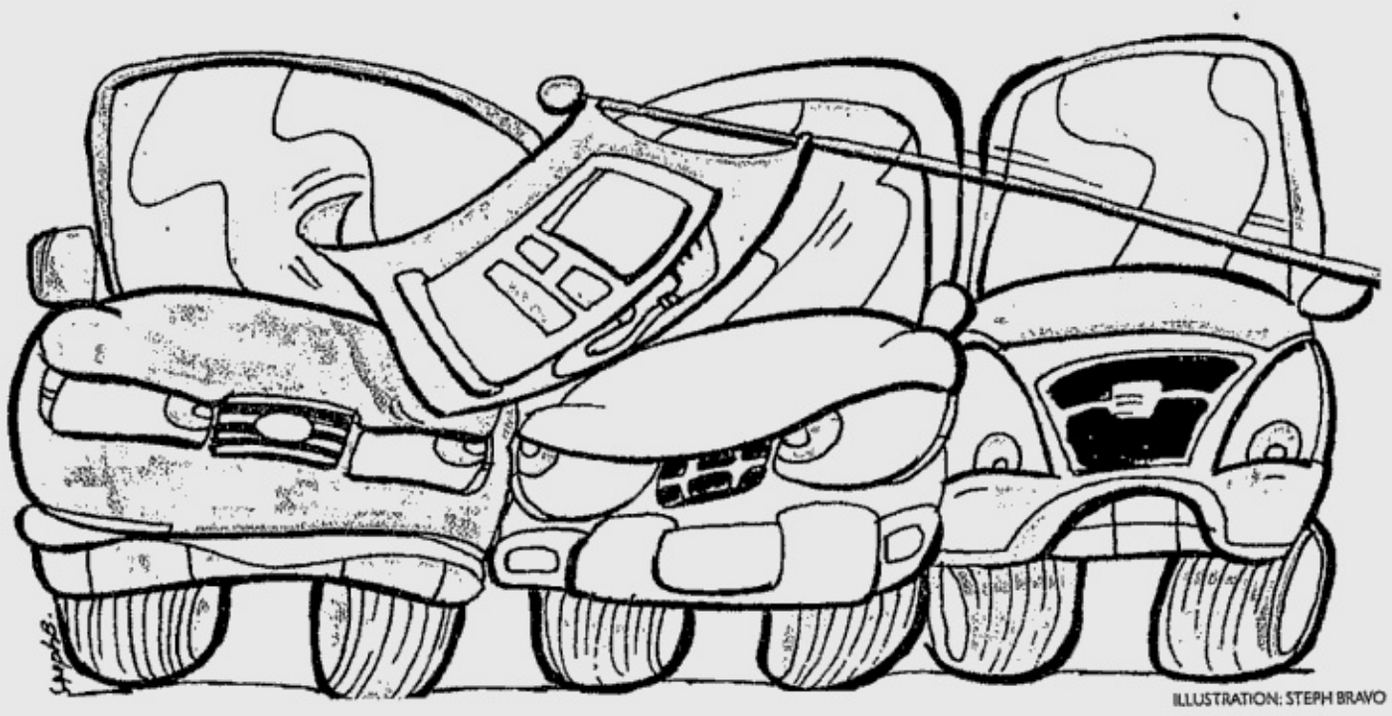
ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

A WAY with the stunts, this one's for real. Not like the "abnormal" fuel economy runs where competing professional race and rally drivers and mechanics dangerously (albeit deftly) resorted to shutting off the engines or shifted to neutral on steep descents, this government-endorsed AUV fuel economy run (the first of its kind) stuck to the protocols of normal driving.

And this time, not just one type of vehicle ran the gauntlet.

It was "bed-weather" cold and dark, but the mood was lively. It was 4:15 a.m. The Energy Center at the Fort in Makati was swamped with spectators. Their focus was at the row of AUVs and sedans, and they were guessing which of them was the most fuel miser of all. Each vehicle had been assigned three drivers from the Automobile Association of the Philippines. Their instructions: run the horses, but no tricks this time.

There they go!

Off the vehicles went: two Honda CRVs, two Crosswinds, two Revos, one Mitsubishi Adventure, four natural gas-powered vehicles (a gas-electric hybrid Toyota Prius and three PNOC-Petronas natural gas taxis), and one Crosswind running on pure coco methyl ester, which was manufactured by Senbel.

The speed limit was 80 kph and the minimum load weight was 165 kg (excluding the driver and the passenger). To balance things out, three 155-lb bags of sand were placed in each vehicle. The route started from Makati and ended in Calatagan, Batangas, a distance of 151.8 km passing through nine towns.

So, in the end, which vehicle saved the most fuel?

Mileages

The mileages for the Revos were almost identical despite different drivers. The Revo GL diesel-manual ran 16.02 km per liter and another Revo GL diesel-manual did 16.504 km per liter.

The Honda CRV's manual and automatic variants showed wider disparities with the Honda CRV gas-manual registering 13.422 km/l and the Honda CRV gas-automatic showing 9.587 km/l.

A Mitsubishi Adventure diesel-manual ran 17.509 km/l.

The most fuel miser turned out to be the Isuzu Crosswind XTO diesel-manual (19.198 km/l). The Isuzu Crosswind diesel-manual, meanwhile, did 17.112 km/l.

The Toyota Prius gas-electric hybrid-automatic did 18.34 km/l and the Isuzu Crosswind XT manual loaded with 100-percent CME did 16.304 km/l.

The natural gas vehicles could not be rated for fuel consumption for lack of conversion technologies from compressed natural gas (CNG) pressure to liters equivalent to that of liquid fuels.

"The results are (the true) mileages of the vehicles, because the people drove it (on normal driving circumstances). It was a test where motorists drove on gear. If there was any driving (on neutral), it was only because they had to come to a stop or they had to coast to a stop," said Automotive technologist Alex Loinaz, organizing committee head of the fuel economy run.

The bottom line of this run was that its organizer, the Department of Energy, wanted to promote careful and cost-effective consumption of energy, including motor fuel, by increasing fuel economy consciousness among the consumers.

Best gas savers

Consumers, it said, were "the best gas-saving devices" of the country. The driving technique was the most important single element in determining the fuel economy of any motor vehicle, be it car, utility vehicle, truck, bus, motorcycle or trailer.

The energy department also wants to gain the support of the car manufacturing industry to design and produce vehicles that are fuel-efficient.

"We believe that car manufacturers can definitely give the consumer a choice not just in terms of model, accessories, speed and load capacity but an optimum fuel-efficiency performance for the vehicles as well," said Energy Undersecretary Benhur C. Salcedo during the prelaunch of the AUV fuel economy run.

Study findings

The energy department cited a recent study in the United States showing that only 12.6 percent of the fuel in the gas tank is utilized to actually move the car while the rest of the fuel goes down the drain either by idling (17.2 percent), engine losses (62.4 percent) and driveline losses (5.6 percent). About 2.2 percent of the fuel in the gas tank is used to power accessories in the car, such as the air conditioning.

The study added that these could be remedied through more efficient driving habits and a vehicle design that can reduce fuel losses.

Each vehicle was clocked out at one-minute intervals. At the Petron gas station in Calatagan, all the vehicles were assigned specific parking areas and specific pump stations. The run was precise. Vehicles with fuel filler necks on the right side went to the left side of the pump, and vice versa. The pumps sloped well equally on both sides so there was no need to shake the vehicle.

Each of the three drivers for a vehicle drove to an exact stopover where driver switches took place so as to cancel out differing driving habits. Each vehicle had a manufacturer-representative who also acted as the navigator and the guide to driving the vehicle more.

Based on the day's results, Loinaz said the public now had more realistic numbers to compare its own vehicle performance and driving habits with.

Can you read that motor oil label?

READING that motor oil is confusing, right? Looking at those letters and numbers makes it difficult to get only the right oil into your car. So here's some information that may take the mystery out of that label.

API stands for the American Petroleum Institute, the classifier and rater of all motor oils. With API on the label, its minimum standards have been met. ASTM means American Society for Testing Materials—the people who do oil research.

Lubrication

SAE is short for the Society of Automotive Engineers. It sets viscosity standards. Viscosity is how thick or thin the oil is. That affects how easily it flows through the crankcase. This three-member group sets and certifies the standards. They all look to tribology—the science of lubrication.

When metal parts rub together, lubrication reduces the friction when oil comes between them. Thus their life is prolonged. Eventually, the oil will lose its viscosity. When it does, it must be changed. Oil viscosity has two ratings: monograde and multigrade. There's also a viscosity index; that's on the label, too. If the index is lower than 100, you'll need an additive. So for every 4 liters of monograde oil, you'll need at least 10 ounces of ad-

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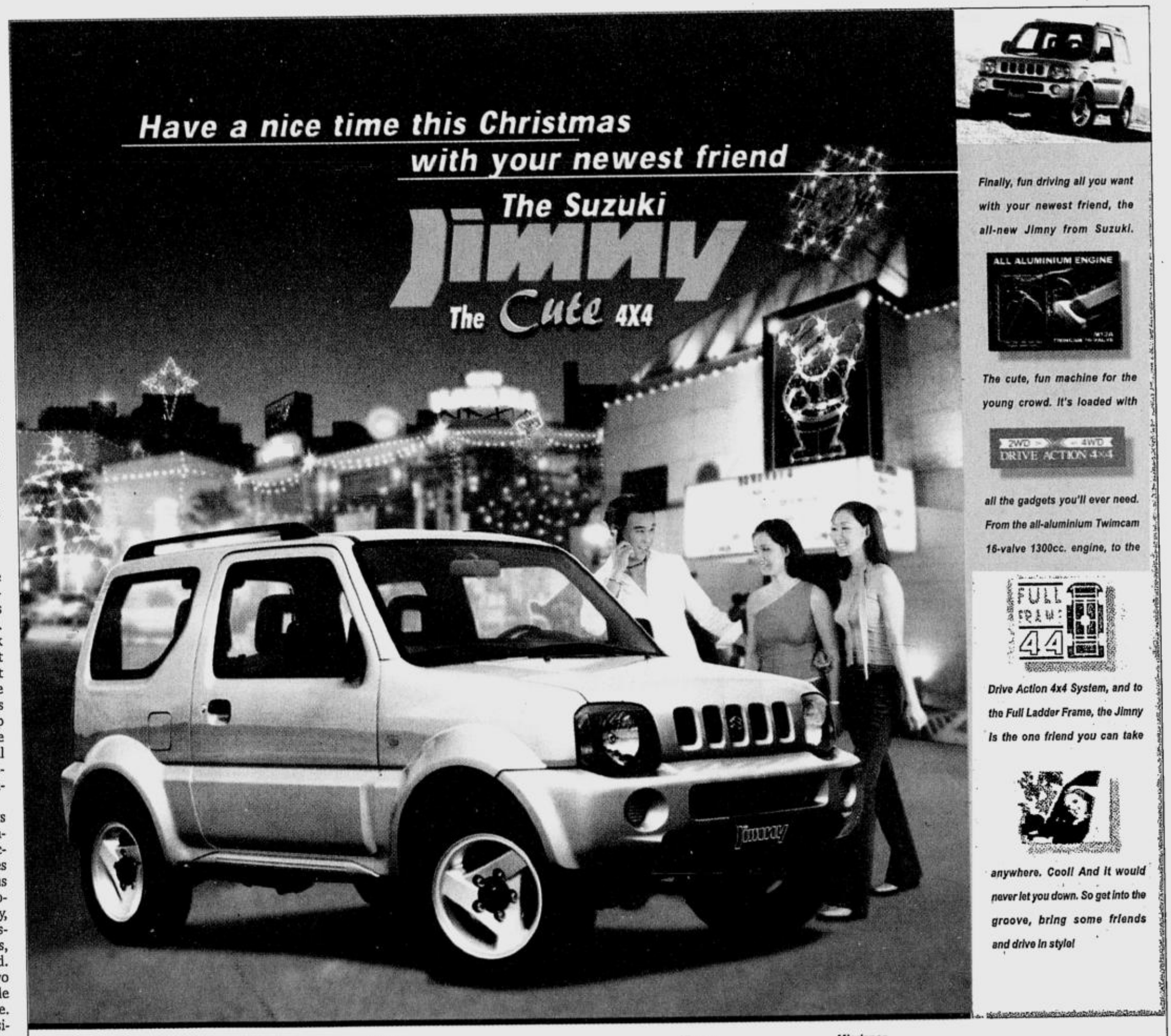

How to drive efficiently

PLAN all trips. Plan the timing and the route of your trips such that you will avoid being caught in the "thick" of traffic. Know your regular route and always have an alternate route in mind.

Avoid "jack-rabbit" starts. Gradual acceleration in driving can save as much as one kilometer per liter compared to rapid acceleration.

Keep speed down and drive at steady speeds. Tests conducted with popular cars have indicated a 25 percent improvement in fuel economy when speeds are reduced from 120 to 80 kph.

Anticipate stops. Tests prove that a vehicle driven at 60 kph can travel a distance of 650 meters by a gradual halt without additional fuel consumption.

Avoid fuel spillage. Don't overfill the tank. Keep the fuel cap tightened to prevent fuel loss due to evaporation or spillage.

Minimize vehicle loads. Transporting unnecessary weight in your car will cause it to add 10 percent to fuel consumption.

Follow a regular preventive maintenance program to prevent major breakdowns. A poorly maintained car can use up to 25 percent more fuel.

Source: Committee on fuel conservation and efficiency road transport, Department of Energy

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Driver's must checklist

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- Leakage of diesel, lubricating oils or water
- Fan belt tension and condition
- Tire inflation and condition
- Free play of clutch and brake pedals
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Women have greater parking woes than men

LONDON—Women drivers have greater problems with parking than men, according to an analysis of accident claims by a British insurance company.

The findings reported in the Times newspaper on Friday will do little to bring harmony in the perennial argument over which sex makes the best drivers.

Collision

A study of half a million claims at Admiral Insurance found that women were almost twice as likely as men to have a collision in a car park, 23 percent more likely to hit a stationary car, and 15 percent more likely to reverse into another vehicle.

But, before male drivers start congratulating themselves, the study also found that men have more serious accidents, made more costly insurance claims and kill more pedestrians.

Men were also responsible for 98 percent of convictions for dangerous driving.

Spatial ability

Allan Pease, the author of a book called "Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps," told the newspaper the survey backed his belief that women are not as good at judging distances.

"Spatial ability is one of the male strengths," he said.

But Britain's Automobile Association (AA) argued that the insurance findings were, rather, a reflection that women drivers tend to make more short journeys around towns and shopping centers which involve frequent parking. In contrast, men spend more time driving long distances on motorways, the driving organization was quoted as saying in the newspaper. *Reuters*

Local distributor eyes market for car care products

DURING these times of economic uncertainty and spiraling prices of fuel and spare parts, Uniqpoint Marketing, a local distributor of premium car care sees the big opportunity to distribute its own brand of maintenance products.

According to Steve Te, marketing manager of Uniqpoint Marketing, the present economic climate, as further dimmed by the impending invasion of Iraq by the United States, definitely calls for smarter means to beat the ever-increasing costs of fuel and car maintenance. So, we urge the motoring public to take good care of their cars by subscribing only to tested and proven car care products." He said, "while the initial investment on these products may be a bit high, motorists are assured of long-term benefits and technical advantages from our environment-friendly products.

Uniqpoint Marketing recently held the soft launch of the first batch of its premium car care products at the recent Custom Car & Sport Truck Show at the SM Mega-trade Hall in Pasig City. In addition to the increasingly popular Uniq Engine Treatment, also known as "friction eliminator," and Uniq Fuel Combustion Enhancer (FCE), launched were Uniq Transmission Treatment, Fuel System Treatment, Uniq EP "Plus" Grease and Uniq Power-Lift Grease.

It was noted that at recent product demonstrations, audience/market responses were "quite high considering the fact that we have not even ventured yet into massive and all-out advertising campaign for our products, pending completion of our product range," Te said referring to several other products included in the Uniq premium car care family.

Te also announced that Uniqpoint Marketing is now processing and appointing distributors and dealers nationwide. Interested parties may call 743-8221 to 32 or may visit the Uniq website at www.uniqpoint.com.

Asean's auto center

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

BANGKOK—While here on a Southeast Asian Press Alliance Travel and Study Tour (part of the perks when you win first prize in the explanatory category of the Jaime V. Ongpin Award for Excellence in Journalism), I discovered further proof that Thailand is fast becoming the Southeast Asian region's automobile center.

This proof is the arrival this week of Chris Bangle, the BMW Group's director of design. If BMW did not consider Thailand an important hub, Bangle wouldn't be coming all the way out here from Germany.

Touted as one of the world's leading automobile designers, Bangle will talk on "Competitiveness Through Design" at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand's state university, and at a fully booked dinner tonight at a five-star hotel organized by Nation, the country's leading English language daily. Chris Bangle is credited with brainstorming the avant-garde yet controversial design of the 2002 BMW 7 Series limousine and the eye-catching BMW Z4, the two-seater roadster that recently replaced the BMW Z3. BMW's as well as other car manufacturers' choice of Thailand as their Southeast Asian regional base has opened their eyes to the talents of young Thai product designers. Last January, a 28-year-old Thai industrial designer, Jirawat Jiamvigite, was hired by Designworks, the BMW Group's design office in Los Angeles, to work with Bangle on a concept car project. Eat your hearts out, Filipino artists and designers, for Jiamvigite is the first Asian to be hired as a car designer by BMW. Other Thais have been hired locally by several auto firms, including Ford and Isuzu, to work on car design.

Obviously, the market for premium cars such as BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Audi is thriving here, although Thailand is globally known as pickup territory. In this country, pickup trucks outsell all other types of motor vehicles at a ratio second only to the United States.

Sweeping tariff revamp

Pickup truck sales are bound to be boosted even more when a sweeping revamp of vehicle tariffs comes into play over the next few years, resulting in lower prices for pickups, the Bangkok Post reports. At present, pickups pay different excise taxes ranging from 3 percent for one-ton, two-door trucks to 12 percent for double-cab trucks and 18 percent for pickup passenger vehicles (those without a rear cargo bed).

Under the new rules, all pickups, no matter how many doors, will pay a uniform rate of 3 percent and classification will be based on cargo capacity. Pickup passenger vehicles will be taxed in the same category as passenger vehicles.

Passenger vehicles with a seating capacity of 10 or less will be charged a single uniform rate. Off-road vehicles like the Honda CR-V or the Toyota Land Cruiser, which are now charged a 29 percent tariff, will bear the same excise tariff rate as passenger vehicles. (This implies that the CR-V sold in Thailand is a 4-wheel-drive, unlike the Asian utility vehicle it has morphed into in the Philippines.)

The new vehicle tariff system will also set a base engine size for each category. Vehicles with engines bigger than the base size will be assessed an extra charge on top of the excise tax.

Classifying pickup trucks according to cargo capacity, charging off-road vehicles the same tariff rate as passenger cars and imposing an extra charge on vehicles with engines bigger than the base size in their respective categories—all these sound like good revenue-generating measures that discourage the purchase of oversized gas guzzlers. Perhaps our own government should consider adapting them.

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E-mail comments to asevilla@inquirer.com.ph.

Honda ties up with Shell, Leslie

HONDA Cars Makati Inc. recently held the first leg of this year's Power of Dreams 2 dubbed as "Disney Channel Magical Weekends," a Halloween treat organized by HCMI exclusively for its customers.

In line with the said event Leslie Corp.—maker of Clover Chips, Nacho Chips, and Cheezy—partnered with HCMI for a fun-filled event.

The children of HCMI customers had so much fun with product giveaways that were distributed to all who attended the Saturday event. Shell Helix, a long-time partner of the group also supported this year's HCMI Halloween treat for Honda kids.

The Power of Dreams Festival is a project also made possible by Disney Channel and Destiny Cable.

Honda Cars Makati Inc., with branches in Makati, Pasig, Alabang and Shaw, is a member of the Ayala group of companies.

FORD OFFERS SERVICE CARAVAN

In its continued efforts to deliver quality parts and service, Ford Group Philippines (FGP) and its dealership network, brings its service caravan to twelve provincial locations from November 15 to December 2002.

Ford customers in Calasiao, Pangasinan, San Pablo, Ormoc, Tacloban, Tagbilaran, Cagayan de Oro, Dipolog, Pagadian, Surigao and Gen. Santos may head to the nearest Shell Station in the area, where the *Ford On the Road Response Crew* (F.O.R.C.E.) will be based.

"We understand that some customers, especially those based outside Metro Manila, find it difficult to come to our dealer service centers. So we decided to bring it closer to them." said Met Arias, FGP's Vice President for Parts & Service. "This is our way of making sure our customers receive Ford's quality service no matter where they are."

Services will include periodic maintenance, light repairs, accessories installation and warranty work. For repairs requiring extensive work, the on-site Service Advisor may arrange for service at the nearest Ford dealership.

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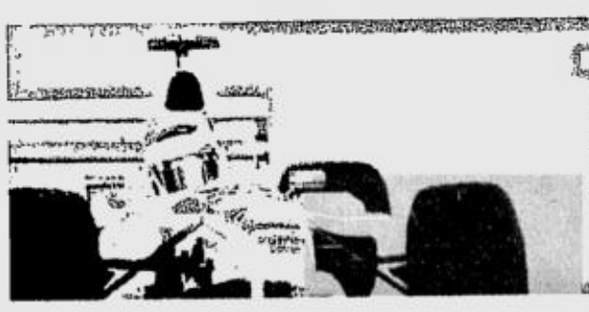

The Circuit

A DREAM SEASON FOR SHELL AND THE FERRARI FORMULA 1 TEAM

The winning team has done it again, delighting fans across the world as the Shell-Ferrari team ended the 2002 season with yet another set of new Formula 1 records. Michael Schumacher's extraordinary performance bagged for the team a final tally of 144 points.

Michael finished on the podium in 19 successive races, scoring points in his last 22, which are records in F1 history. Schumi also secured his record-equaling title as early as July with six races to go, and ended the season with an impressive 11 victories. Teammate Barrichello was also over-all runner-up with 77 points, and gave the team 5 successive one-two finishes. Ferrari won 15 races in the year, equaling McLaren's record of 1988. Michael set a new record for the most number of race wins in a season. Shell and Ferrari team also made history together in France when it became the first fuel and lubricant partnership to record 100 wins.

2002 FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS
(After 17 Grand Prix Races)

M. SCHUMACHER	144
BARRICHELLO	77
MONTOYA	50
R. SCHUMACHER	42
COULTHARD	41
RAIKKONEN	24

FERRARI	221
WILLIAMS	92
McLAREN	65
RENAULT	23
SAUBER	11
JORDAN	9

"It was an unforgettable season, unbelievably good and unbelievably successful", Michael beamed as he was asked to describe the season. "There are hardly words to describe what we have managed this year. You just have to look at the figures. One of the most impressive statistics is the fact that I finished every race this year, that I didn't have a single technical defect to complain about. That is absolutely outstanding because it is so unusual!", Michael added.

Indeed, the hard-work put in by the professionals of Scuderia Ferrari in Maranello, Italy, and by the Shell team of experts based in research facilities in UK, has paid off. Throughout the previous winter, Shell worked closely with the Scuderia team to develop the latest evolution of Paolo Martinelli's all-conquering V10 engine and gearbox which powered the F2002 Ferrari. The new Ferrari engine required a re-optimized oil for the season. State-of-the-art fuel and lubricants combined with advanced manufacturing techniques allowed Ferrari's engine to dominate, and enjoy near legendary reliability. After the last race in Japan, Ferrari's sporting director Jean Todt aptly described the season: "A dream finale to a dream season. We could not ask for more."

No doubt that 2002 has been Shell-Ferrari team's zenith so far. If Shell fuel can cope with the demands of a Ferrari, then imagine what they could do for a normal car. Equally, if Shell lubricants in the Formula One car can comfortably cope with the hot, fast and severe environment of a Formula One engine, then it will also provide superior protection for the engines of standard road cars. (W.I.N.)

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Cristiano da Matta signs for Panasonic Toyota Racing

TOYOTA Motorsport GmbH has announced that 2002 CART champion Cristiano da Matta has signed a two-year contract to become a Formula One race driver for the Panasonic Toyota Racing team from the 2003 season.

The 29-year-old Brazilian will partner Frenchman Olivier Panis in 2003 and 2004.

Da Matta has driven Toyota-powered cars in the United States CART series since his CART debut in 1999, and his new Formula One deal sees him cement this successful relationship.

Said Toyota Motorsport chair and Toyota Motor Corp., managing director Tsutomu Tomita of the announcement: "I am very pleased that Cristiano is joining Panasonic Toyota Racing. He joined Toyota at the start of his career in the CART program and has shown his tremendous dedication and efforts by helping us to develop together to win the championship with Newman/Haas Racing this season. His long-term partnership with Toyota and his natural driving talent will prove an essential asset to us as our Formula One program enters an exciting new stage of development."

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Can you read. . .

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ditive, the experts say.

All oils consist of just two parts: additives and base-stock oil. The stock oil can be petroleum-based or synthetic.

Oil ratings

Here is where it gets confusing—all those oil ratings. On the label, the ratings for gasoline engine oils start with the letter S; C for diesel oils. The ratings start at SA and go up to SJ. Similarly, diesel ratings are from CA to CH-4.

The world Universal on the label means the oil can be used in both gas and diesel engines. Universal oil is used by a taxi operator to cut his operating expenses.

The API classifies oil into three quality levels: good, better and best. For **good**, you will see the API/SAE designations but no energy conserving 2-ring donut symbol. **Better** oils have the API/SAE letters, the donut rings, but not the words, "energy conserving." The **best** have the letters, the rings and the words. Everybody is evaluated under the same API standards, including Polo Syn-Pro synthetic motor oil.

Better blend

Polo synthetic is formulated from synthetic base stocks. That's a better blend than petroleum stocks alone. Polo is fuel-efficient and is stable at high and low temperatures. It has longer drain interval mileage. That means the oil viscosity is longer than other brands. That adds up to savings for you. Polo meets the API energy-conserving standards. Polo is a universal oil.

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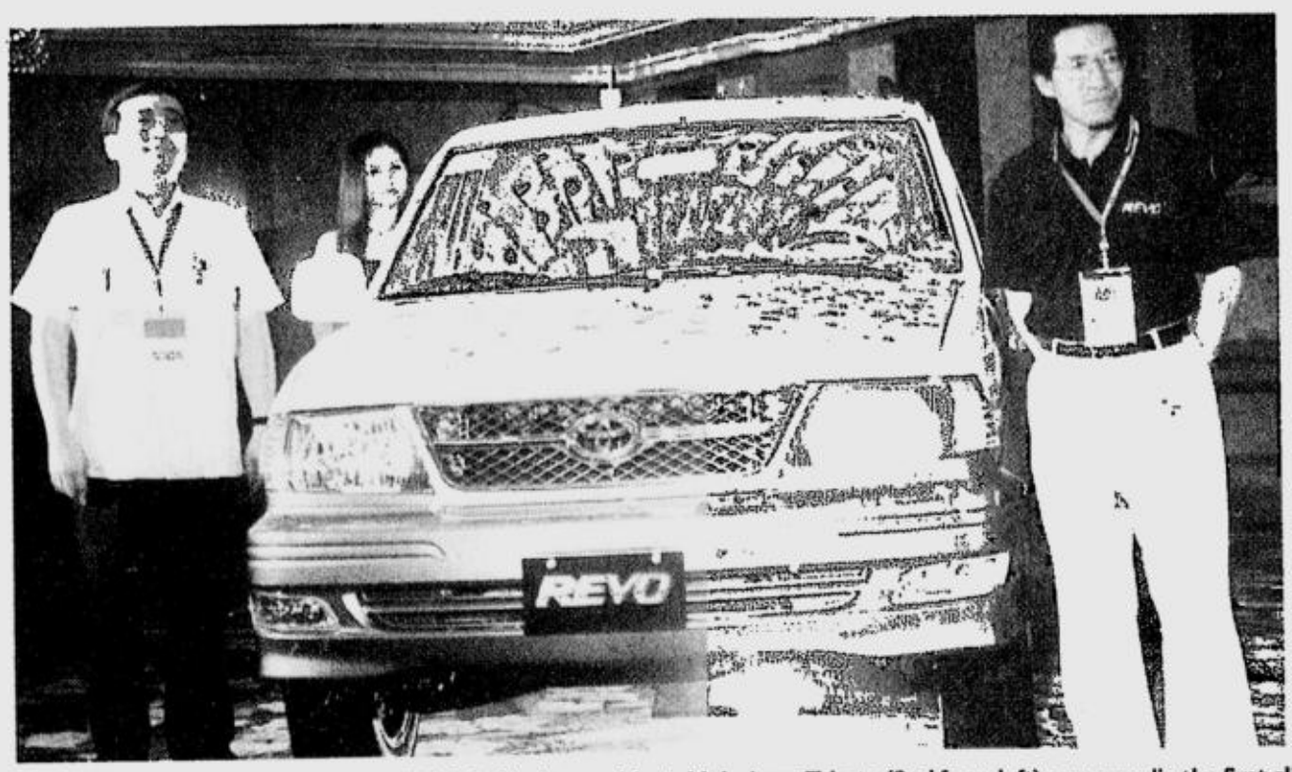

TOYOTA Motor Philippines Corp. officials led by its president, Nobuharu Tabata (2nd from left), gave media the first glimpse of the new Revo SR and GSX variants

Toyota introduces new Revo in Mactan island

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

MACTAN ISLAND, Cebu—It was in 1998 when Toyota unveiled the Revo, the latest addition to its line of pioneering Asian utility vehicles (AUVs) in the country, the Tamaraw FX.

Since then, the Revo has sustained the excellent sales performance of the Tamaraw FX line, according to Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. president Nobuharu Tabata.

Indeed this AUV line is regarded as the one vehicle chiefly responsible for Toyota's dominance of the Philippine auto market topping its segment year after year.

The consistently phenomenal popularity of the Revo among Filipino motorists is largely due to its versatility and convenience which are very much evident on roads today—from a public transport to a family car—this AUV has proven its capability and quality besides being affordable to the average Filipino car buyer.

This year, Toyota decided to spruce up the Revo line with new variants that would definitely break deadlocks for buyers still unsettled which AUV brand to go to.

Major facelift

The new Revo was unveiled Saturday during the thanksgiving celebration held at the Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort in Cebu.

TABATA hopes for a strong performance of the new Revo in the AUV segment

NEW from the latest Revo is the tail lamp garnish that gives a distinctive and elegant look

Toyota's latest offering has undergone a major facelift that is very distinct from its predecessors, boasting a more sporty exterior and comfort-oriented features inside.

Consider the following features that highlight the Sport Runner variant:

- Stunning and powerful multireflector halogen headlamp that perfectly complements a new sporty grille design
- Front bumper design with fog lamps that creates a charming symmetry to its overall body.
- Tail lamp garnish that provides an elegant touch at the back
- Body cladding, rear spoiler with high mount stop lamp, roof rail and sleek side stripes that add to the new Revo's appeal
- Five-spoke 15-inch alloy wheels that enhance its aggressive stance. Together with its 195/65R 15-inch tires, it ensures sporty performance that allows better maneuverability, precise handling and optimum traction when driving on any road condition.
- Cool and exciting color options like extreme black, bright crimson, kool kristal, deep nautica, lithium, spruce green and glacia.

All-comfort features

Get inside the new Revo SR and be thrilled at the new additions and improvements. It comes with two-tone leather seats and molded door trims.

It also features a sporty dashboard design highlighted by a three-spoke, leather-wrapped steering wheel for a comfortable firm grip while driving.

Passengers of the new Revo SR will also be treated to a host of entertainment packages that begins with the Kenwood 2-DIN, audio system and VCD player complemented with six speakers.

The Revo SR is fitted with two VCD monitors mounted at the back of the driver and front passenger headrest. This is complemented by an armrest both at the front (equipped with dual cup holders) and second row.

Toyota also fitted the new Revo SR with Denso aircon system, especially developed for the country's climate.

For a more pleasurable driving experience, the new SR is packed with features such as power windows, power door locks and power side mirrors.

Another new feature of the new Revo SR is the new rear sliding, reclining and foldable seats, which create additional room at the back.

Safety features

The new Revo SR is designed with front and rear crumple zones to effectively absorb impact energy during accidental front or rear collision. At the same time, its reinforced cabin protects its passengers while the side-impact beams and seatbelts assure additional protection all the time.

For young passengers, the new Revo SR features a child-protection lock mechanism and door ajar warning that adds assurance to those sitting in front.

Choice of powerplant

Powering the new Revo SR is the reliable 7K-E 1.8-L four-cylinder in-line overhead valve electronically fuel-injected gasoline engine. In addition, the 7K-E engine is equipped with Toyota's computer control system for precise response in every driving situation. Its EFI system meanwhile ensures fuel economy and helps reduce harmful exhaust emission.

Aside from the very reliable 7K-E 1.8-L gasoline engine, buyers can also opt for the powerful 1RZ 2.0-L gasoline engine or the dependable 2-L to 2.4-L diesel engine.

The new Revo SR is available in five-speed manual and four-speed automatic transmission with electronically controlled transmission that is ideal for those stop and go traffic or cruising at high speed.

The new Revo SR automatic with full-options, VCD system and leather seats can be had for P850,000 while its standard variant goes for P807,000 (automatic) and P770,000 (manual). The new Revo SR diesel on the other hand sells for P797,000.

Other variants like the GSX 2.0 gasoline automatic and manual are available for P777,000 and P740,000, respectively. The GLX 2.4 diesel is priced at P727,000 while the 1.8-liter gasoline sells for P737,000 (automatic) and P700,000 (manual). The GL 2.4 diesel is available at P665,000 while the 1.8-liter gasoline costs P638,000. The DLX 2.4 diesel variant goes for P630,000 and P603,000 for the 1.8-liter gasoline variant.

The new Revo carries a three-year/100,000-km warranty coverage to ensure a worry-free ownership.

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Mitsubishi unveils 2003 Strada

THE 2003 Mitsubishi Strada is sporting a new look that's packed with ruggedness and elegance.

Owing its great new looks to the more aggressive chrome grille and front bumper, the 2003 Strada also boasts a sporty character enhanced by a new design 16-inch wheels with all-terrain tires for unpredictable road conditions.

Powered by a Euro-1 compliant 4D56 turbo with intercooler diesel engine, the 2003 Strada is available in 5-speed manual and 4-speed automatic transmission.

New features

Other new features of this model are new rear combination lamps and white side turn lamps, and MMAD (Mitsubishi Motors Audio Design) stereo by Alpine which features single in-dash CD player/tuner matched to 6 speakers for a more pleasing sound.

Aside from the factory drop-in bedliner, the A/T variant is also equipped with a utility box that is located at the cargo bed, providing a secure compartment for valuable cargo.

Passenger comfort

Comfort of its passengers was also given strong consideration with a new seat design that makes use of microperforated premium leather on the M/T, and a combination of leather and suede on the A/T. Wrapped in leather, its steering wheel also matches the plush seat material.

The result is an interior that pampers its passengers in luxurious elegance and an exterior that expresses a sporty and masculine nature.

In addition, the 2003 Strada is still equipped with features that make it stand out among all other vehicles in its class: the hood air intake scoop which improves cooling efficiency for the intercooler, molded plastic front and rear fender flares, rear demister, third brake lamp, aluminum side stepboards, headlamp washers, and chromé-plated door handles.

Safety features

The 2003 Mitsubishi Strada also comes with an array of safety features which let you drive confidently anywhere.

A driver-side SRS (Supplementary Restraint System) airbag, a rigid cab/cabin structure, front and rear seatbelts, child-proof doorlocks and a fuel cut-off valve which prevents leakage of fuel from the fuel tank or in the event of a rollover. Its chassis utilizes a strong and durable ladder frame design giving the Strada a strong backbone.

Braking performance has been dramatically improved by increasing the diameter of the front brake discs and utilizing twin-piston calipers.

On top of this, a load sensing proportioning valve (LSPV) has been installed to ensure safer braking power when carrying heavy loads. This operates by monitoring the vehicle load while regulating the rear brake hydraulic pressure accordingly.

Standard feature

The tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) is also a standard feature for both M/T and A/T models. It monitors tire pressure and temperature of all four tires, plus spare on demand.

The TPMS lets you drive confidently without worrying about the tires being over or under-pressured. It immediately alerts the driver once the tire is punctured or operating at abnormal temperature.

To ward off unwanted admirers, the 2003 Strada is armed with Code Alarm, a keyless entry with alarm security system that comes with a new 3-button trans-

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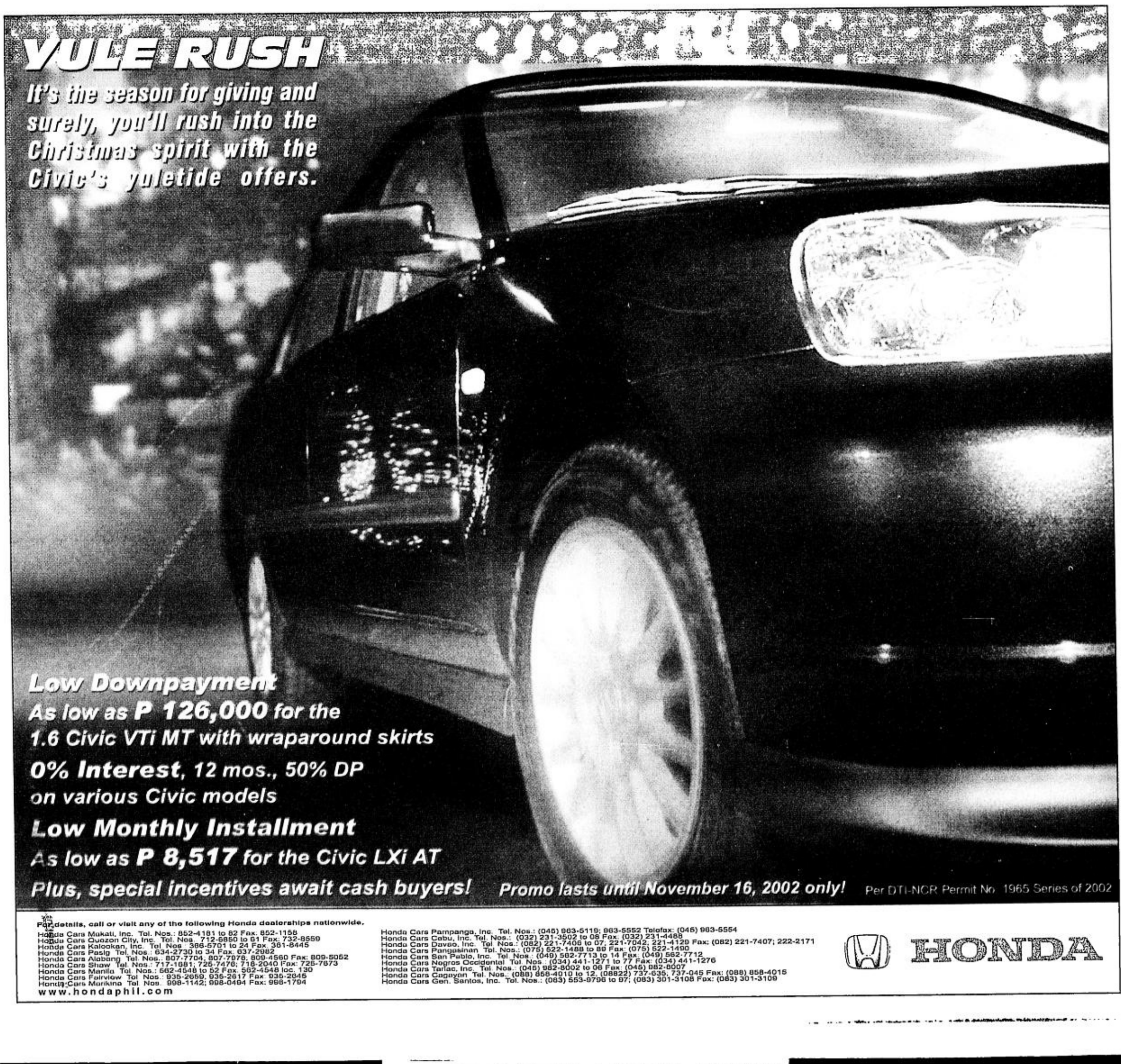

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Countryside traveling made more secure

WHILE on a long road trip to Maguindanao from Bukidnon in the Mindanao region, Edgar L. Bullecer receives a call from a prospective investor interested in Paglas Corp.,'s latest business venture. He is using his trusty mobile phone, but when they made a turn in the mountainous route, all network signals are lost. His conversation with the potential investor is cut off, and just when he is about to cinch the deal.

Bullecer, however, is unperturbed. He casually reaches for another telephone inside his vehicle, dials the number of the person he was talking to, and resumes their conversation. Smart Communications Inc.'s SMART Link prepaid fixed satellite phone saves the day.

"I feel inadequate without a phone. With a SMART Link in the car, I'm never cut off. This is a big factor in business," says Bullecer, who is a special projects general manager at Maguindanao-based Paglas Corp., which is into the pineapple, banana and trucking businesses, among others. He also represents the foreign investors in La Frutera Inc., which leases 1,500 hectares in Datu Paglas, Maguindanao, a town named after the pioneer Paglas family.

NEVER OUT OF TOUCH. Tatang Solomon's businesses all over Mindanao bring him to remote areas but with a SMART Link satellite phone inside his pickup, he is always accessible.

ALWAYS CONNECTED. Ed Bullecer has installed one SMART Link unit in his Toyota Land Cruiser, which he frequently uses during his long road trips.

Traveling to Maguindanao from Bukidnon via Davao or Cotabato could take up to nine hours. Bullecer, whose work puts him on the road many times, says there is no GSM (global system for mobile communications) signal in 60 percent of the routes.

Very important

"Having a satellite phone in our vehicles is very important, especially when the car breaks down, or when a cargo truck encounters problems and there is no signal in the area," he says.

"We're very happy. SMART Link is really good news to us. With the satellite phone, we are also able to provide communication to the highlanders," he adds.

Bullecer says SMART Link units will be installed in two stations in Bukidnon and in all 14 vehicles of the company. At present, SMART Link units have been installed in one dump truck, one pickup and three vehicles.

The SMART Link plug-and-play unit consists of a main terminal that contains the phone functions and the SIM (subscriber identity module), an all-weather resistant dome antenna, which is attached outside the car, a cable and a telephone handset.

La Frutera uses the land it is leasing to plant cavendish type bananas, which are being exported in the Asian and Middle Eastern markets. Ibrahim Paglas, president of Paglas Corp., has also set up trucking and security services and gasoline station companies primarily for the vast plantation's needs. Paglas' other projects are cattle fattening and breeding, and rice, sugarcane, pineapple and banana production.

Another SMART Link satellite phone user is John "Tatang" Y. Solomon, founding and general manager of Davao City-based savings and credit union King Cooperative.

Very useful

Tatang says his SMART Link unit, which he installed in his pickup, is very useful especially when he visits a branch in a town that still has no or very minimal access to telecommunications services. One example is the King Cooperative branch in Maragusan, Compostela Valley, a province between Davao and Davao Oriental.

"There are many areas that still do not have cellular signal and also do not have landlines. There is no other means of communication but I am able to communicate using SMART Link," he says.

King Cooperative has 22 branches spread out in Davao del Sur, Davao, Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental, Maguindanao, Agusan Del Sur, Agusan Del Norte, South Cotabato, North Cotabato and Surigao Del Sur.

"I travel alone with SMART Link," says Tatang.

In mid-July, SMART lowered the price of the SMART Link satellite phone by 67 percent to P4,990 from P14,990, making telecommunications services more affordable to more people.

ALONE BUT SECURE IN MINDANAO'S ROADS. While he travels alone when he visits his King Coop branches, Tatang Solomon says he now feels more secure with a SMART Link unit in his vehicle. The antenna attached to the pick-up enables him to make and receive calls in areas that have yet to be reached by cellular networks. Beside him is Ma. Cristina Z. Mariano, head of Public Access Department at SMART.

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When machines become music

FULL TANK

Al Mendoza

IT'S not all cars and new machines in the motoring industry. Once a year, Toyota comes up with nothing but music; mostly, the classics.

The event had its smashing inaugural more than a decade ago. I was there, as I was present, too, in many of the succeeding editions of this much-anticipated affair that gathers a mix of the high-heeled, the music cognoscenti and both lovers and students of Mozart & Co.

It happened again on Oct. 25, when Toyota brought in the world-famed Cadaques Orchestra of Spain at the Meralco Theater. Again, it was a well-attended, well-applauded evening of violins, tenor and guitar. Toyota's Makoto Ono, Danny Isla, Raymond Rodriguez and Charlcon Alcala were in elegant business suits when they ushered Sol Juvida and me in; my, my, Ariel de Jesus looked very dignified in his well-pressed jusi *barong*.

Again, the brain has had a full meal, the soul reinvigorated.

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From the mostly perfumed crowd that night, where was I aligned with—the high-heeled?

Certainly, not. It's probably everybody's dream to become one of them but in my case, it'd probably remain that way: a dream.

I can barely afford a Florsheim (a friend had just recently sold me a pair of classic Florsheim Imperial boots for P50 because, as he termed it, "you are a dear, dear friend"). Sincere people know; the insecure—usually the envious type—know nothing about how to live well despite the meager resources.

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I am a Mozart lover, and I try my best to be an avid devotee of Mozart's peers. Music does not recognize pockets. I adore Albinioni and Paganini, Chopin and Rachmaninoff, Schubert and Lizst. Include guitarists Segovia and Williams. But that does not mean I had cancelled out Jimi Hendrix and Eric Clapton, The Beatles and The Doors, The Rolling Stones and The Bee Gees, The Zombies and The Monkees. Or even The Three Tenors (Pavarotti & Co.) or even Mario Lanza and Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday, Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis. Or even Victor Wood and Ric Manrique Jr., Ruben Tagalog and Sylvia La Torre. No, no.

Thing is, I have favorites, but I try as much as possible to also know the others because, by knowing the rest, it allows you to discover what the others also have. Us mortals are blessed with having people in our midst that are gifted. It is in knowing that you will also like others other than your real love. Loving and liking is a whole of a difference.

The yearly Toyota Classics gives us a chance to be humans again: sensitive to both idiot and genius.

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How many times has it been said that music knows no wars, knows no terror, knows no enemies, knows no Bin Ladens, al-Qaidas and Abu Sayyafs? Films like "The Sound of Music," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "The Man With a Mandolin" show how man bows not to maim but to music.

When Philippe Entremont, the French piano virtuoso of our time, was conducting the Cadaques Orchestra last Oct. 25, I saw some eyes from the audience closed. Were those with eyes closed asleep, or were simply consumed by the symphony of a Handel or a Mozart or an Albeniz being done by Maestro Entremont?

I closed mine when Leodegario B. Del Rosario was performing. The young tenor, who earned his Artist Diploma from the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music under George Vassos, showed depth when he did arias from Judas Maccabeus and The Messiah. I closed my eyes again when guitarist Jose Maria Gallardo del Rey was performing, especially when he was doing the "Milliner's Dance" from El Sombrero de Tres Picos and De Falla's El Amor Brujo. What a rendition. I play the guitar and I know a good guitarist when I see one, hear one.

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The evening had a touch of drama as Toyota's officials, including those from Metro Bank, took the occasion to donate P1 million to Tabang Mindanao III, a nonprofit project designed to uplift the lot of our displaced brothers and sisters from Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Basilan who were driven out of Malaysia. I closed my eyes once more at that moving moment when it was unfolding.

The theme of the show, which was part of an 11-city Asian swing, was "Toyota Classics: A World of Harmony."

I couldn't agree more. For, truly, music ignores boundaries, makes warring nations stop, pacifies the angriest of fascists, harmonizes fractious souls.

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QUOTE ME. Music has no language. Its lyrics are its hymns.

Cristiano da Matta signs . . .

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Cristiano da Matta commented: "I have accomplished one of my goals by winning the CART driver's championship title. I am very thankful to Carl Haas, Paul Newman and all of Newman/Haas Racing for the support, hard work and accomplishments that we have achieved together. Now I am ready for the next challenge. It is great to be able to join Panasonic Toyota Racing and more important to further develop my already successful partnership with Toyota. To be able to combine this with driving in Formula One—the top motorsport series in the world—is very special to me and I look forward to the exciting and demanding challenges that lie ahead. Though I enjoyed driving the Toyota Formula One car in May this year, I cannot wait to test the more-evolved TF102B car as a Panasonic Toyota Racing F1 driver later this month!"

DA MATTA

In 1990 Cristiano started in the Go-Kart Series and was a winner from the start. Adopting an identical helmet as his father wore, only alternating the color red to blue, in two-and-a-half years he won every title.

He was the winner of the Minas Championship in 1990 and 1991, the Brazilian Championship 1991, the Rio-Minas Championship 1992, and the Sao Paulo Championship 1992. Da Matta's next step was the 1993 Brazilian Formula Ford Championship and he won the title with four victories.

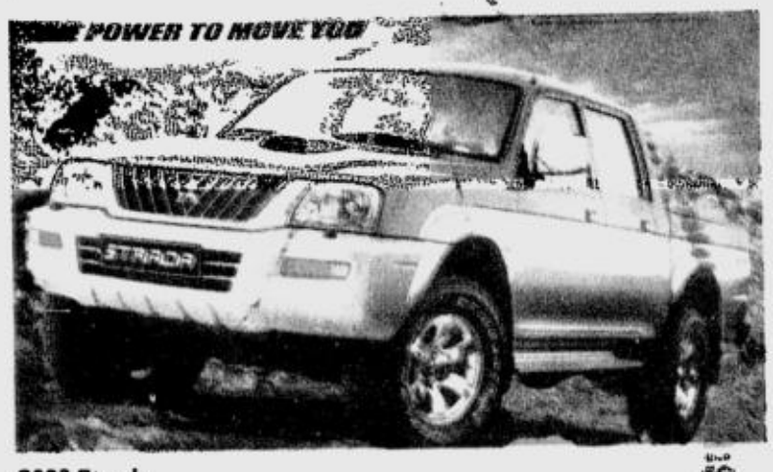
He moved up to Formula 3 in 1994, winning the Brazilian Championship with four wins and two races to go. The following year he went to England for the British Formula 3 Series and achieved one victory. While taking part in Formula 3 in 1996, he started to seriously consider to race in the US and in 1997 he relocated to the US for the Indy Lights Series. Finishing the season in the 3rd position he was given the "Rookie of the Year" honor.

In 1998 he signed with the Tasman team and won the title with 4 wins. In only 2 years in the Indy Lights Series, Da Matta achieved 7 wins and 4 pole positions. The year 1999 was Da Matta's first year in the CART Fedex Championship when he was called up by team Arciero Wells, which was powered by Toyota engines and the Brazilian impressed in the opening race with 4th position on the grid, the best of all the Toyota-powered drivers. 2 races after that, in Nazareth, he earned a best finish of 4th.

In 2000, Cristiano drove for PPI Motorsports Toyota/Reynard 2K1 (previously named Arciero-Wells). He took his first victory in the CART series at Chicago and was placed 10th in the overall championship standings.

Cristiano joined Newman/Haas in 2001 and took his Toyota-powered Lola to 3 victories and a total of 5 podium finishes to finish 5th in the CART championship.

This year Da Matta captured CART driver championship with Newman/Haas and Toyota engine, dominating the CART series. As of the 18th race of the season, he had achieved 7 poles, 7 victories and a total of 10 podium finishes.



2003 Strada

Mitsubishi . . .

From page E5

mitter design.

Dynamic performance, excellent riding comfort and handling, combined with rugged features and modern styling make the Strada a standout in its class. In fact, it has been the leading 4x4 pickup in its class since1998.

The 2003 Mitsubishi Strada is available in red, black, white and green at all Mitsubishi dealers nationwide. It can be had for suggested retail prices of P1,010,000 for the manual transmission and P1,050,000 for the automatic transmission.

BLUETOOTH TECH

BMW offering wireless linkup with vehicle

MUNICH—Since September this year, the BMW Group is offering in its 3, 5 and X5 series cars the first innovative solution to the problem of in-car mobile phone integration.

Due to the universal provision of a bluetooth interface in mobile phones, it is now theoretically possible to link up any bluetooth compatible mobile phone to the vehicle's electronic system.

Compatible version

At present there is a choice of either the Nokia 6310 or the Ericson model T39, however, the Siemens company is shortly to introduce a compatible version to the market. This new linkup technology incorporates the use of a specific wireless data transmitting standard.

As soon as the mobile phone is brought within the range of the chip installed in the vehicle (the range is around 10 meters), the system login is automatically performed as if the connection had been made by cable. Only when activating the system for the first time is it necessary to enter a four-digit code number.

Important data

As soon as the mobile phone is linked to the vehicle's electronic system via bluetooth technology, calls can be made incorporating the multifunctional steering wheel and vehicle displays—this includes full use of the hands-free system. All important data such as phonebook entries, top 8 priority list and numbers last called are synchronized with the vehicle's electronic system.

Up to four mobile phones can be linked up with the system. To guarantee an optimum signal the mobile phone is connected to the exterior antenna via an easy-to-use snap-in adapter situated in the center console. This is also used when charging the batteries.

Due the possible detrimental effects on health due to electromagnetic waves, BMW recommends using only mobile phones equipped with a separate connection for an exterior antenna.

Advantages

In addition to greatly increased compatibility (almost all mobile phones available now and in the future, irrespective of manufacturer, are and will be utilizable as long as they incorporate bluetooth technology), the advantages of the universal provision of a bluetooth interface in mobile phones become particularly evident to the customer when he or she purchases a new model. It is then only necessary to change the snap-in adapter which is available from the BMW dealer organization and easily replaced in just a few seconds.

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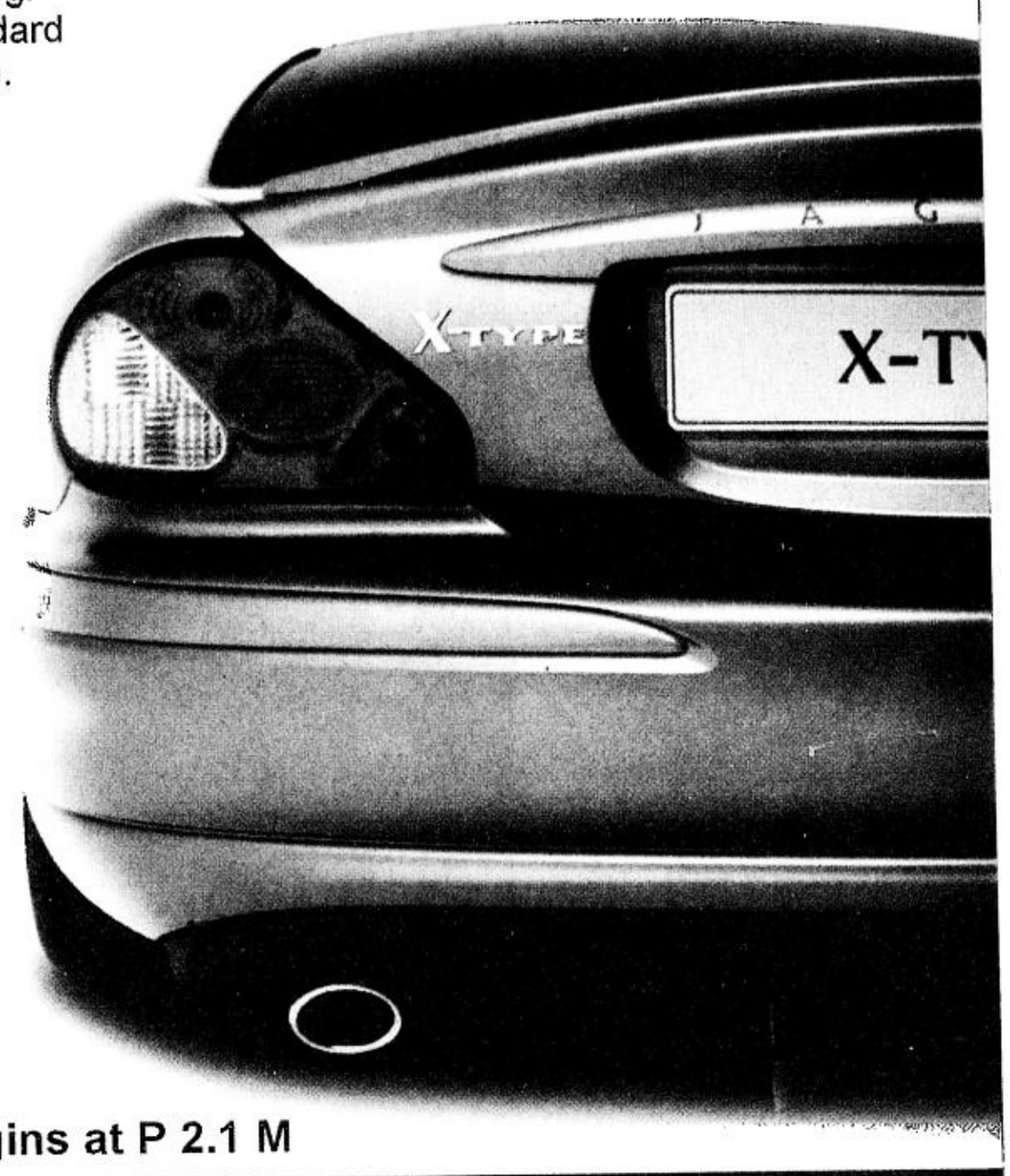

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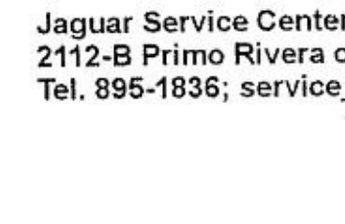
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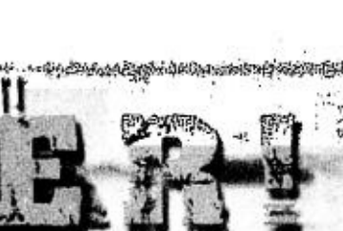
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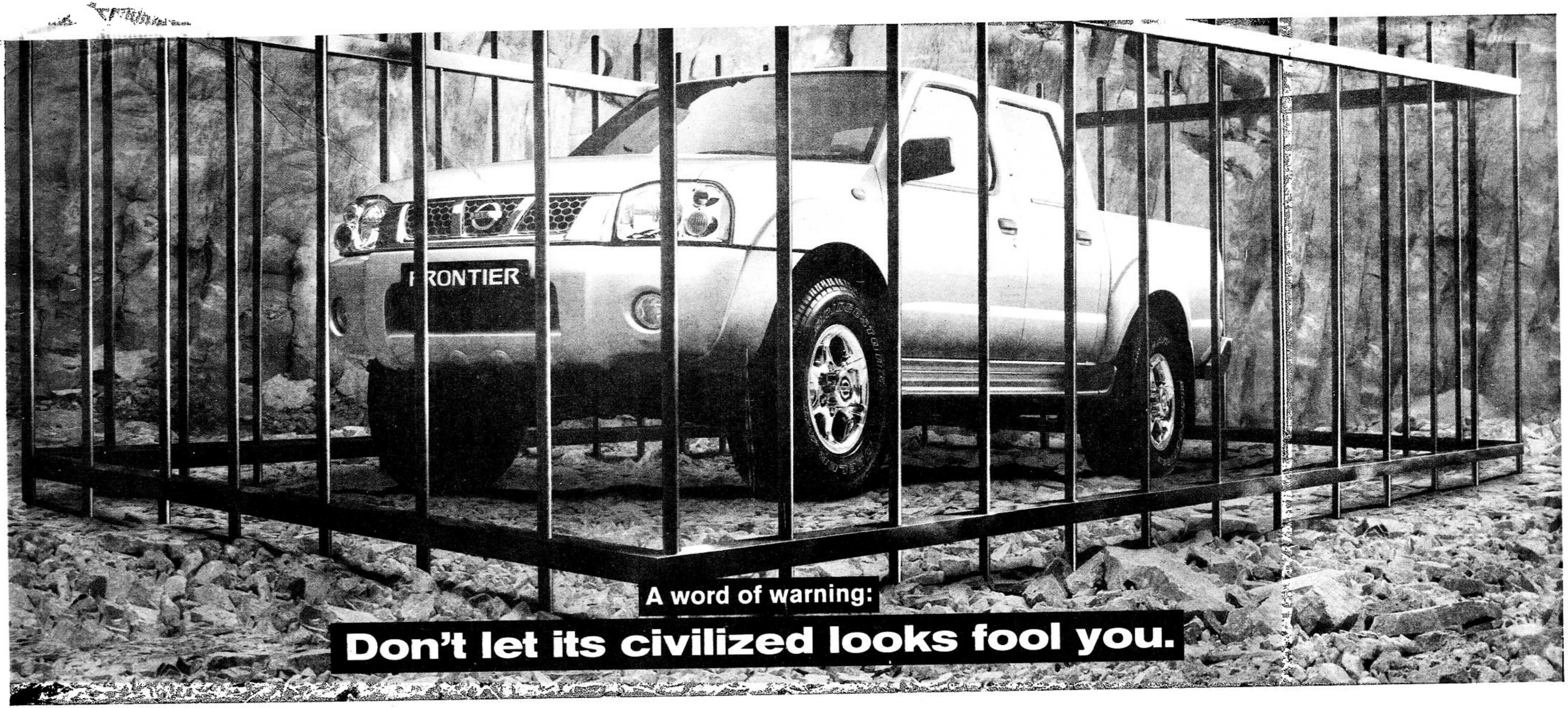

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Ex-Tanod lectures new Ombudsman

By Volt Contreras

THE new Ombudsman got a lecture on how to run his office from a congressman yesterday.

Ironically, the same legislator, Rep. Raul

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Abu truck bomber captured in Pasay

Targets include US Embassy, PSE, malls

By TJ Burgonio

INTELLIGENCE agents have captured a top Abu Sayyaf bandit who was allegedly planning to attack the US Embassy, Philippine Stock Exchange and shopping malls in Metro Manila using electronically detonated truck bombs.

Abdulmikim Edris, alleged leader of the Abu Sayyaf's explosives team, stood with his head bowed about 10 paces behind President Macapagal-Arroyo when he was presented to the media yesterday morning at Villamor Air Base. Two soldiers held the suspect's arms, and he was not allowed to speak.

The President held up a sketch of a truck bomb laden with explosives that, according to security officials, Edris and his group had planned to assemble. "He's the No. 1 bomber of the Abu Sayyaf," Ms Macapagal said in a speech later in the day.

Edris, 30, who carried a P1-million price on his head, was arrested on Tuesday afternoon by agents of the Philippine Air Force and Philippine National Police outside the PAF headquarters in Pasay City. Eleven warrants of arrest for kidnapping, murder and frustrated murder have been issued against him by several courts in Basilan.

Edris told investigators that his team "had conducted casing operations and prepared plans" for bomb attacks on the US Embassy and other foreign missions, government installations, commercial buildings and shopping malls in the metropolis "starting November 2002 onwards," Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, head of the PNP Intelligence Group, said in a statement.

Edris' team was to use trucks laden with several containers of ammonium nitrate and remotely activated by cell phones.

Gen. Benjamin Defensor, Armed Forces

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Alvarez: President assured me I'm in

By Gerald G. Lacuarta and Cynthia Balana

NOTHING new with "malicious" reports that he's on the way out of the Cabinet, Environment Secretary Heherson yesterday said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo herself assured him that he was not being booted out of her Cabinet, according to Alvarez.

He cited as proof of the President's continued confidence in him his appointment last Wednesday as chair of the National Water Resources Board (NWRB).

"There is no Cabinet revamp by December. I talked to the President yesterday. Unless somebody is grievously erroneous, you do not change horses in midstream," Alvarez told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

He said the report that he was first to go in the reported Cabinet revamp was part of the oust-campaign against him initiated by Rep. Prospero Pichay because the latter had failed to block his confirmation by the Commission on Appointments.

There is also no truth to the often-heard

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Defensor first to give courtesy resignation

By Carlito Pablo, Juliet Javellana and Martin Marfil

HE'S GONE and done it, the first one to do so during this highly charged season of discontent and malcontents.

Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council Chair Michael Defensor last night sent to President Macapagal-Arroyo by fax and courier his courtesy resignation.

Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza is expected to follow suit today. Both officials were prominent members of the anti-Estrada Spice Boys bloc in the House.

But Interior Secretary Jose Lina, who was in the House of Representatives to defend his department's budget, lashed out at the media for allegedly portraying Cabinet members as *"kapit-tuko"* (holding on to their positions.)

Rumored to be one of those who will likely leave the Cabinet, Lina denied there is going to be a revamp. He said he had told the President he would go if she has someone else in

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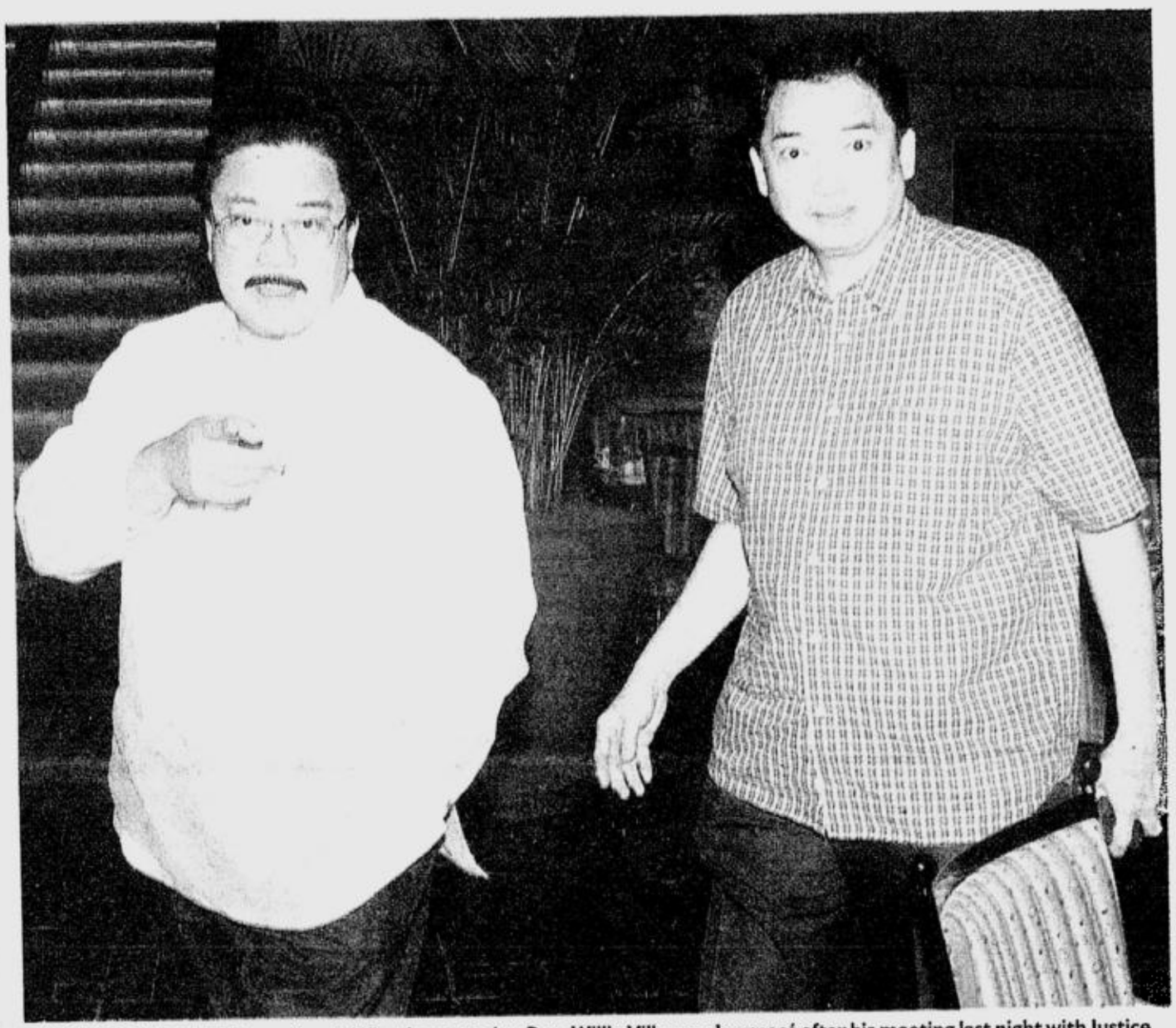

THE MILLION DOLLAR question is: What happened to Rep. Willie Villarama's exposé after his meeting last night with Justice Secretary Hernando Perez at the Westin Philippine Plaza? A case of Villarama turning willy-nilly? DENNIS SABANGAN

MILLION-DOLLAR MYSTERY

Nani, Willie meet, kiss, make up

By Michael Lim Ubac and Cynthia D. Balana

JUSTICE Secretary Hernando Perez and Bulacan Rep. Willie Villarama emerged from a meeting last night chorusing that they had kissed and made up.

"It was a pure misunderstanding. He assured me that he was not referring to me," Perez told reporters waiting outside the coffee shop of the Westin Philippine Plaza.

The justice secretary was referring to the privilege speech that Villarama delivered Tuesday on the supposed "million-dollar man" in President Macapagal-Arroyo's Cabinet. While Villarama did not name the official, Sen. Panfilo Lacson said in a radio interview Wednesday that Perez was the Cabinet member who had supposedly accepted a multimillion-dollar bribe in exchange for the signing of an energy deal with the Argentinian company Impsa.

"I feel vindicated," Perez said, appearing relieved. "I hope this will settle the issue once and for all."

Villarama said he did not identify the official in his speech precisely because there was only a number and no name on the document that he was holding purportedly transferring the $2-million payoff to a bank account in Hong Kong.

But his speech has already stirred a hornet's nest.

Earlier yesterday, senators warned of budget cuts and sanctions by Congress if the identity of the so-called "million-dol-

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P11.3-B REFUND

Meralco: Economy will go bust

By Michael Lim Ubac

NOTHING less than economic collapse.

In a last-ditch attempt to stop the Supreme Court from ordering the Manila Electric Co. to refund at least P11.3 billion, the power firm last week offered the ultimate argument.

Meralco, which has been accused by the government of overcharging its customers, warned the high court that a refund would lead to the "inevitable collapse" of the economy.

In an urgent motion filed on Nov. 7, Meralco warned of "severe implications" in case of an adverse ruling, including severe power outages, its own bankruptcy and—because a third of its debts are guaranteed by the government itself—eventual "financial turmoil."

Noting that it had total short-term and long-term obligations of P31.74 billion, Meralco warned direly: "It bears emphasis that 32 percent of respondent's long-term loans are guaranteed by the Philippine government. To be sure, the invocation of the cross-default provisions appearing in respondent's loan agreements with its creditors will likewise impact on the obligations of the national government."

"Such a scenario will eventually throw the country in financial turmoil, hence, the inevitable collapse of the economy."

It was unclear why Meralco,

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Lifesavers were only trying to lose weight

By Christian V. Esguerra

THESE joggers were at the right place at a tragic time.

Nerissa Abrigo, 35, and her longtime boyfriend Kermit Lukban, 48, said they were simply trying to lose weight early Monday when the ill-fated Laoag International Airlines Flight 585 crashed into Manila Bay. But they managed to save three lives in the process.

The couple and a companion, Emily Navarro, 33, were jogging on the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard when they noticed the Fokker 27 heading toward the bay.

"We thought it was an air exhibition. The plane slowly descended, avoided a few vessels, before it plunged into the water," Abrigo told the INQUIRER Wednesday night at the Baclaran Church, where she and Lukban attended the midnight Mass and, she said, included in their prayers the 19 passengers who did not survive the crash.

"Everything seemed normal," Lukban recalled the moments be-

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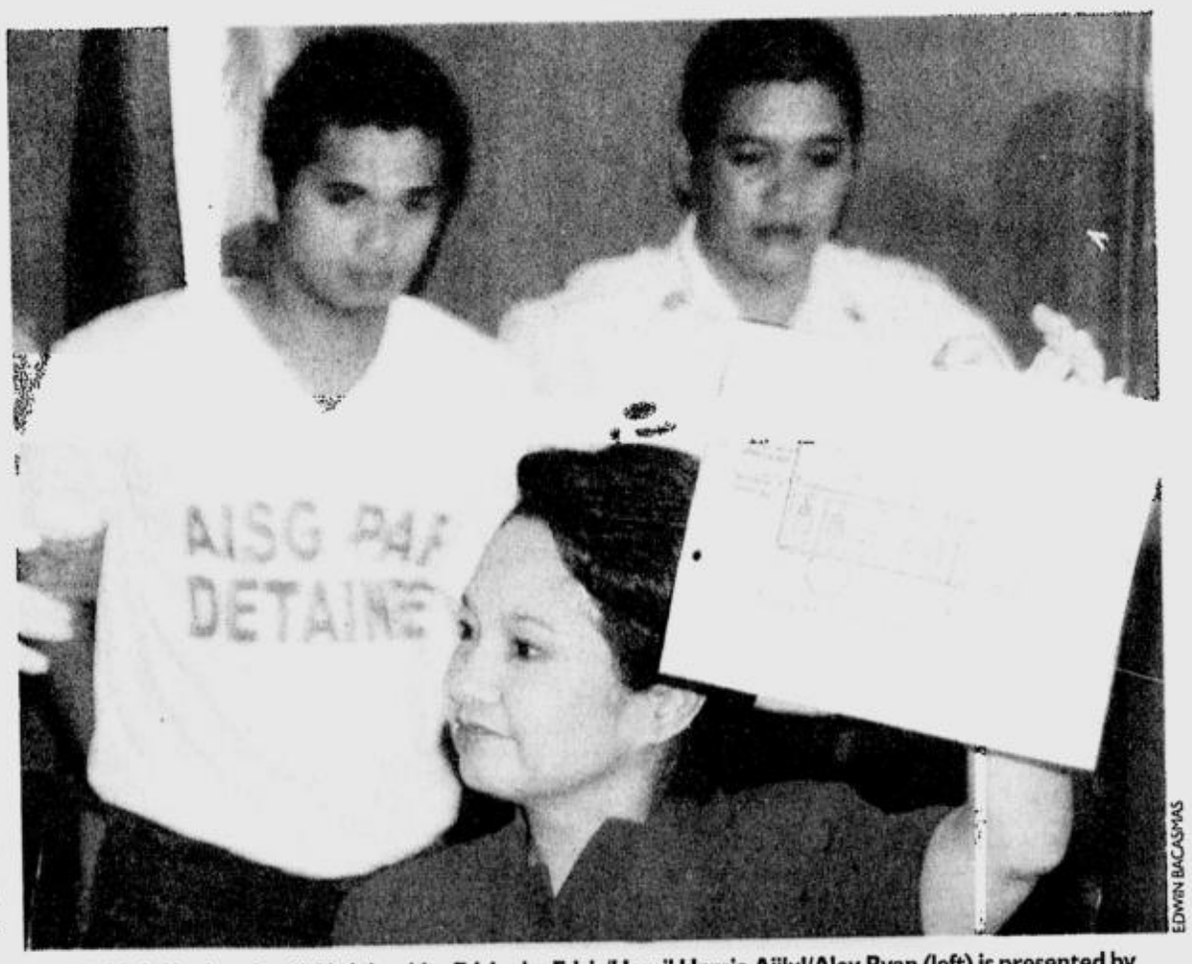

EDWIN BACASMAS

"THE NO.1 Abu bomber," Abdulmukim Edris aka Edris/Hamil Hamja Ajilul/Alex Ryan (left) is presented by President Macapagal at the Kalayaan lounge in Villamor Airbase on Thursday. The President holds a sketch of a truck bomb that Edris and his explosives team allegedly planned to assemble to attack their targets.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole country will experience partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms. Light to moderate winds blowing from the East and Southeast will prevail throughout the archipelago.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Partly Cloudy
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Calapan	Partly Cloudy	Davao	Partly Cloudy

Sin: Let's pray more

MANILA Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin has asked Filipino families to be more prayerful in order to prepare themselves and the country for the holding of the Fourth World Meeting of Families here next year.

In a statement, Sin underscored the value of prayer as the "one weapon and strength against divisions and individualism threatening every home today."

"If we are united in prayer, we shall attain peace. If we are united in prayer, family and life will be promoted and protected," Sin said.

The Fourth World Meeting of Families will be held in January and will see thousands of Catholic families from all over the world converging in the Philippines.

Pope John Paul II had been scheduled to attend the gathering, but the Vatican scrapped the plan, citing the Pope's failing health. *Armand Nocum*

Probers find PEA execs liable in road overprice

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE PRESIDENTIAL Anti-Graft Commission has found prima facie case against 13 Public Estates Authority officials for the alleged overprice of the P584.4-million Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard.

Made to answer administrative charges were PEA board chair Ernest Villareal, directors Rodolfo Tuazon, Angelito Villanueva, Martin Sanciego, Jr., Joemari Gerochi and Sulficio Tagud Jr.;

General manager Benjamin Cariño, deputy general managers Manuel Beriña Jr. and Theron Lacson, deputy manager Bernardo Viray, assistant general manager Jaime Millan and senior corporate attorney Ernesto Enriquez.

In a formal charge sheet dated Nov. 12, PAGC accused these officials of padding the project cost by P210.4 million last year.

It said the P584.4 million contract price that was awarded to JD Legaspi Construction in 1999 was already overpriced in the first place.

PAGC also accused the PEA officials of malversation, entering into contracts grossly disadvantageous to the government, and violating public bidding rules.

Tagud disclosed the alleged overpricing last month, prompting President Macapagal-Arroyo to order PAGC to investigate. She also directed them to resign.

Whistle-blower too

In an interview, PAGC chair Dario Rama said they had to include Tagud in the charge sheet since this is an the administrative case.

In a criminal case, though, Tagud could ask the court to make him a state witness.

The PAGC has called the PEA officials to a one-time "preliminary conference" on Nov. 22.

"Before we filed formal charges, the Commission has already determined there's prima facie evidence. Or else we would have dismissed (the case)," Rama said.

He said the PEA officials have to reply to the charges on Nov. 22 "otherwise there may not be a next time."

Rama also said that former PEA officials led by former general manager Carlos Doble "are not yet off the hook" since they awarded the allegedly overpriced P584.4 million contract to JD Legaspi Construction in 1999.

"When we endorse the criminal case, I'm almost certain (Doble will) be included," Rama said.

Additional work

The PAGC said that despite knowing that the contract price was fixed at P584.4 million, the PEA officials approved three "adjustments" totaling P210.4 million.

Deputy general manager Berina reportedly recommended a contract price adjustment of P126.4 million on Aug. 24, 2001.

The following year on Aug. 13, director Tuazon moved for a further adjustment of P4.7 million for "additonal items of work" and P79.3 milion for "overruns/underruns."

The PAGC said the additional works were made without the required approval of the President "in patent violation of the Construction Agreement between the J.D.L. Construction and PEA signed on April 10, 2000."

PEA has actually paid the construction company P816 million as of Aug. 31, 2002.

"The respondents' obvious criminal intent" was shown by the fact that the original contract price was beyond the estimate of the DPWH.

Initial probe shows plane engine failed

By Norman Bordadora

INITIAL inspection of the wreckage of Laoag International Airlines Flight 585 shows engine failure as the most probable cause of the crash that killed 19 of 34 people on board Monday morning.

Aviation experts from the Fokker and Rolls Royce companies checked out the tightly guarded fuselage of the Fokker 27 at Pier 13 of the Manila Harbor yesterday.

Their initial investigation reportedly showed nothing inconsistent with the co-pilot's account of the crash and that of eyewitnesses who reported seeing smoke pouring out of one engine.

Philippine Coast Guard divers, however, continued to scour the bottom of Manila Bay for the airplane's "black box" or flight data recorder.

But Chris de Valls, leader of the Fokker-Rolls Royce team that is helping the Air Transportation Office in its investigation, said they could still effectively conduct the probe even without the black box.

"But it would take longer," De Valls told reporters.

In the meantime, the Senate is poised to begin an inquiry into the crash that brought up the issue of safety in the country's small airlines.

Majority Leader Sen. Loren Legarda filed a resolution asking the Senate committee on public services to investigate the crash in aid of legislation.

Legarda said that when the airline applied for a franchise during the 11th Congress, its financial capability and the airworthiness of its aging fleet were seriously questioned. But the ATO gave it a certification of airworthiness anyway, she said.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said Laoag Air's license could be revoked if it comes out that the company had committed to use new airplanes during its franchise hearing. *With Cynthia D. Balana*

Force Imelda to talk, SC asked

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE ONLY way to "ferret out" the truth on the P2 billion mystery settlement involving Imelda Marcos was for the former first lady to be compelled by the Supreme Court to testify on the ill-gotten wealth case filed against her by the Presidential Commission on Good Government, Akbayan Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales said yesterday.

Rosales made the remark after the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. denied the other day that it had entered into a P2-billion settlement with Marcos in the ownership dispute of the company.

She said that the talk of the P2 billion mystery was "all speculations," at this level, even if she noted that one cannot easily discount the allegations made by former Marcos loyalists that Marcos had indeed received the settlement.

After all, these people were once "blindly loyal to Marcos and all of a sudden they collectively stand up against her," she said.

She agreed with PCGG chair Haydee Yorac's plea for the high court to compel Marcos to testify on the PLDT case.

"We can't keep on speculating," she said.

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Cambodia prince due for visit

CAMBODIA'S Prince Norodom Ranariddh will make a five-day visit to the Philippines next week in his capacity as president of his country's national assembly, it was announced yesterday.

Prince Ranariddh—the eldest son of King Norodom Sihanouk—will arrive late Sunday and meet with Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo on Monday.

Prince Ranariddh's visit reciprocates the visit to Cambodia of Philippine House Speaker Jose de Venecia in January.

After meeting with Arroyo, the prince will meet with De Venecia and visit sites outside Manila before departing on November 21. *AFP*

Chainsaw law signed

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has signed into law a bill regulating the use, ownership and sale of chainsaws in an effort to check illegal logging, a palace statement said yesterday.

The law would regulate "ownership, possession, sale, transfer, importation and/or use of chainsaws to prevent them from being used in illegal logging or unauthorized clearing of forests."

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources would be in charge of regulating the importation, sale and use of chainsaws and would issue permits to those authorized to use such tools, according to copies of the law released here.

Those found guilty of illegal use of a chainsaw in illegal logging can be jailed for up to eight years while those found selling chainsaws without a permit may be jailed for up to four years, the law added. *AFP*

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Dismissed info officer asks Comelec to take her back

By Blanche S. Rivera

ALMOST one year after the brutal murder of a Commission on Elections director, the initial suspect, another former Comelec official, has surfaced to assess her chances of getting her old job back.

Former Comelec education and information department director Angelina Matibag wrote the commission, through her lawyer, to "seek clarification" of her status in the poll body.

Comelec chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. said he would refer the matter to the agency's law department, but a marginal note by Abalos on Matibag's letter referred the matter to the Comelec en banc, or the commissioners meeting as a whole.

Matibag, who was dropped from the Comelec roster in November last year, claimed she was arbitrarily "moved out" of the EID as its chief and transferred to the law department.

Former Comelec chair Alfredo Benipayo named Velma Cinco to head the EID in April last year, after reprimanding Matibag for the failed information campaign for the May 2001 elections.

But Matibag did not report for duty at the law department and was dismissed by Benipayo for being on prolonged absence without official leave.

On Nov. 20 last year, Cinco was killed in an ambush. Matibag was initially named a suspect but was not charged for lack of evidence.

DFA ready to help Pinoys in Mideast

By Norman Bordadora

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs has prepared its contingency plans for the 1.4 million Filipinos in the Middle East in the event of war in Iraq.

"We have provided the Filipinos there with manuals on drills and training," said Foreign Secretary Blas Ople.

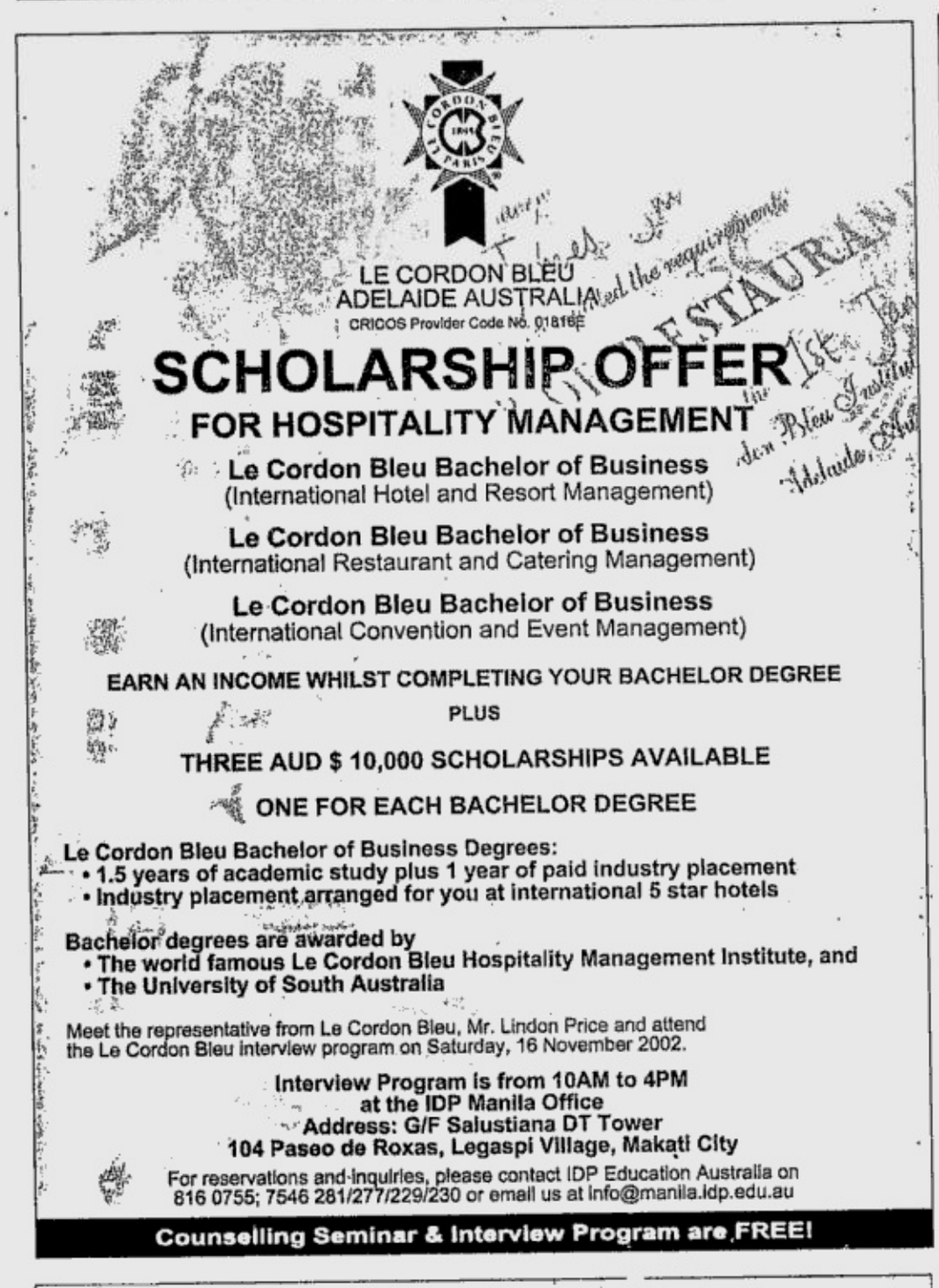
Ople said the governments of the Arab countries have already assured the Philippines of the safety of the overseas Filipino workers in the Middle East.

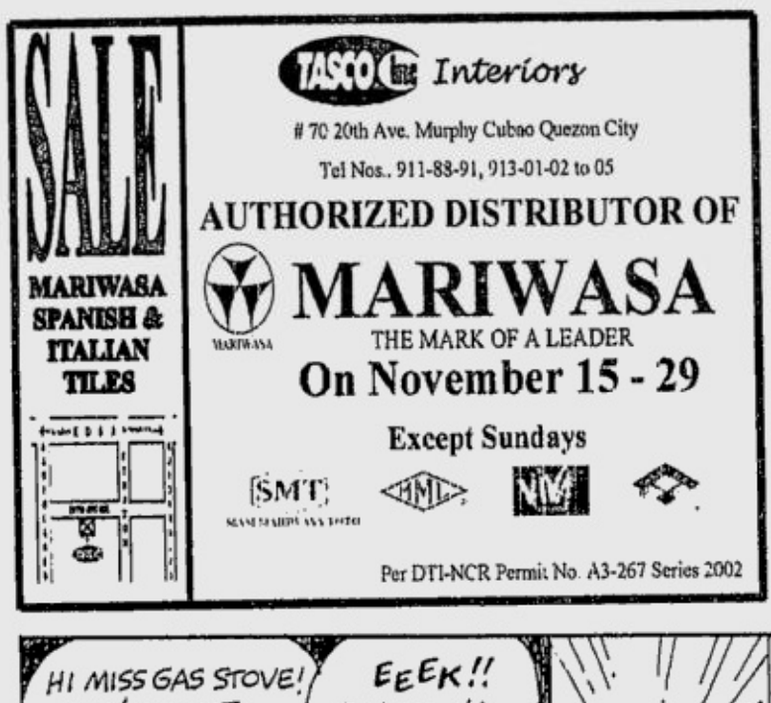
Most of the Filipinos are in Saudi Arabia where there are an estimated one million Filipinos.

Ambassador Roy Cimatu, special envoy and head of the Middle East Preparedness Team, said that the 60,000 Filipinos in Kuwait are the most vulnerable in the event of an Iraqi retaliation. They will be evacuated to safer ground near the border with Saudi Arabia.

The team will set up a communications center there. Filipinos in that Arab country will be moved to safer grounds near the borders of Saudi Arabia.

However, Cimatu said eight out of 10 Filipinos prefer to stay than to return to the Philippines because they are afraid of losing their jobs.





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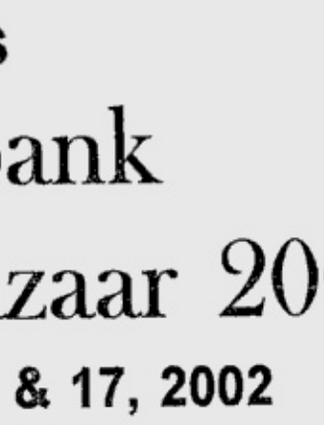

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Palace says Terminal 3 'soft opening' on Dec. 15 still on

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE "SOFT opening" of controversy-racked Terminal 3 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport will push through on Dec. 15, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday.

Bunye said the $657-million terminal will open even as senior Malacañang officials were still looking into the legal implications of such a move.

"I believe the soft opening is still there. But a re-examination (of the opening) from a legal standpoint is still being conducted," Bunye said at a news briefing.

President Macapagal-Arroyo had insisted that the airport open on Dec. 15.

The government, though, is bent on renegotiating the contract to build and operate the terminal that was awarded to the Philippine International Air Terminals Co. (Piatco) during the Estrada administration.

The other day, President Macapagal said she had instructed Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, chief presidential counsel Avelino Cruz, Presidential Management Staff chief Silvestre Afable Jr. and chief of staff Rigoberto Tiglao to look into the prudence of pushing through with the terminal opening on Dec. 15.

The Save the Naia 3 Coalition, meanwhile, assailed Solicitor General Alfredo Benipayo, for asking the Supreme Court to declare the Naia-3 contract "null and void."

In a statement, the coalition said it is a case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing, citing the fact that various government agencies have declared the contract and its amendments "valid, legal and above board."

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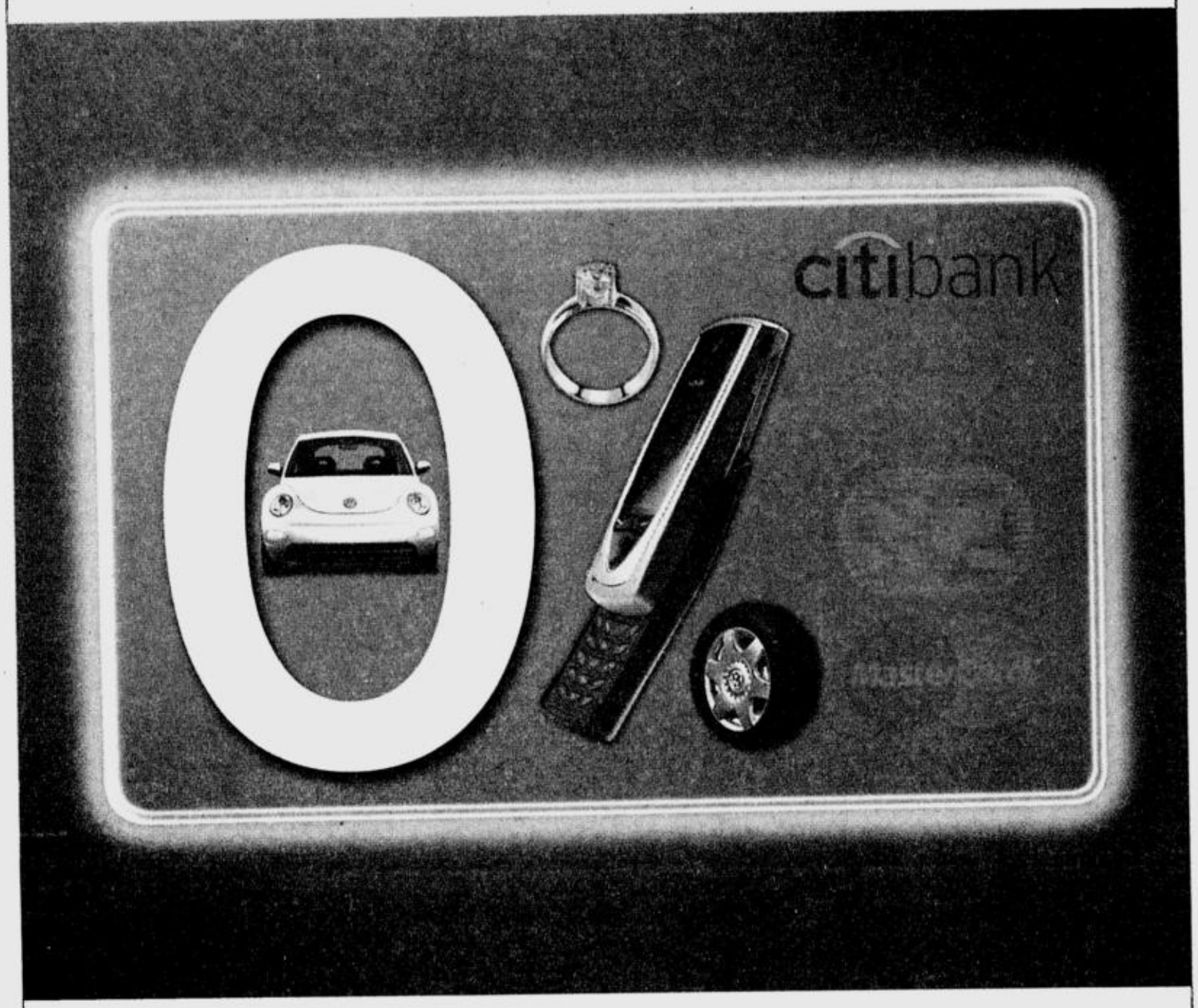

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which supplies electricity to more than 3 million consumers in the National Capital Region and its suburbs, filed the motion only last week, when the case, filed in February 2000, had already been submitted for resolution.

Filed by its counsels, the Quiason, Makalintal, Barot, Torres & Ibarra law office, the motion came on the heels of reports that the Third Division, through Associate Justice Reynato Puno, was set to promulgate a decision as early as last week.

High court sources alleged that Puno had indeed finished writing the decision, but court spokesperson and Deputy Court Administrator Ismael Khan refused to confirm this.

Instead of the P11.3 billion its consumers are asking for, Meralco said the actual refund "would translate to (an) unimaginable P28.15 billion, more or less in total amount to be refunded to respondent's consumers."

"All of these factors have placed respondent on the verge of bankruptcy," Meralco claimed in its 20-page motion.

The power firm said the substantial refund, coupled with its outstanding debts, will prevent it from upgrading its facilities.

It enumerated other implications of such a refund:

- Greatly affect its obligation and duty to provide the highest quality of service to consumers.
- Result in a cash deficit of P24.9 billion, since the amount will have to be funded by debt.
- Sell its assets, resulting in severe implications on the quality of service provided to consumers.
- Result in negative retained earnings, meaning no cash dividends for its common and preferred shareholders.
- Curtail its power system expansion, resulting in longer daily rotating power outages, with power deficiencies worsening every year.

Meralco claimed that even without a refund, it was already facing difficulty in meeting its budget requirements for the improvement of its power system.

"These conditions seriously compromise the respondent's ability to provide safe, adequate and reliable electric service in its franchise area which hosts the country's political and economic center that produces 50 percent of the nation's gross domestic product," it said.

With longer power outages, Meralco concluded: "Prospects of an economic recovery may be thwarted by failure of the respondent to provide the quality of electric service needed to power the industries and commercial establishments it serves."

Besides the utility firm, another group has asked the high court for permission to intervene in the case.

The Philippine Electric Plant Owners Association Inc., composed of 15 electric utilities, said the decision on the matter would definitely have a direct impact and would "squarely affect the applications" its members filed with the Energy Regulatory Commission, formerly the Energy Regulatory Board.

It then asked the SC to dismiss the petition for refund for "utter lack of merit."

Both the motion and petition-for-intervention have yet to be acted upon by the Third Division, which could either accept them or reject them altogether.

In its motion, Meralco admitted that the petition for refund was now ripe for decision.

But it asked the court not to immediately decide on the matter without considering the passage of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (Epira).

"... A significant development which has a direct bearing on the issue of income tax had transpired, and which the honorable court should be made aware of," it said.

It claimed that the ERC, in the exercise of its powers granted under Epira, had adopted a rule that reversed the basis of the Energy Regulatory Board in ordering a refund.

It then asked the court Third Division to junk the petition, or to elevate the case to the Supreme Court en banc "considering the difficulty and importance of the issues herein involved."

"With due respect, we call on this honorable court to give due regard for the possible consequences it will eventually cause not only to the respondent public utility whose business is impressed with public interest, but more importantly to the country as a whole and to the national economy," it said.

"Worse, a decision to refund would certainly adversely affect respondent's application for a rate increase now pending with the ERC," Meralco stressed.

It claimed that the impact of all these "is so grave that it may eventually dissolve the corporate life of the respondent."

In February 1998, the ERB had ordered a reduction in Meralco's rates by an average of P0.167 per kilowatt-hour, effective the same month.

On Feb. 26, 1999, the Court of Appeals junked the ERB order. Had the CA sided with the ERB, Meralco would have had to refund its customers at least P11.3 billion that the power distributor had allegedly overbilled since 1994.

In short, each of the 3.1 million Meralco customers would have received a refund averaging P3,500 each.

In the wake of the CA ruling, the Office of the Solicitor General elevated the petition to the high court in 2000.

Ex-Tanod ...

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Gonzalez, was suspended by the Supreme Court in 1988, for assuming the duties of—you guessed it—the then newly created post of Ombudsman.

At yesterday's budget hearing, Gonzalez, the deputy speaker for the Visayas, lectured Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo on practically everything, from cutting down bureaucratic fat to screening dubious graft complaints.

Scrutinizing the P476-million budget proposed by Marcelo's office for 2003, Gonzalez focused on "unnecessary" posts like the Ombudsman for the Military and resident ombudsmen assigned to the various government departments.

"When I was the Tanodbayan, I did not create these positions because I did not find them necessary," said the Iloilo City representative.

During his term, Gonzalez recalled, his office made do with an annual budget of as low as P21 million.

But Gonzalez was never the Ombudsman. Appointed Tanodbayan under the 1986 Freedom Constitution, he assumed on his own the duties of the new office created by the 1987 Constitution, which eventually led the Supreme Court to bar him from the practice of law indefinitely. Under the Constitution, Gonzalez was the special prosecutor, an official directly under the Ombudsman.

Gonzalez used yesterday's budget hearing to also advise Marcelo against entertaining graft complaints that were patently forms of "political harassment" engineered by losing bidders for government contracts, disgruntled factions in the bureaucracy and defeated election candidates.

"Let's be careful about people who claim to know everything and want to change the world, but who actually just want to throw mud around," he said.

As an example of an unnecessary post, Gonzalez pointed to the Office of the Ombudsman for the Military.

Deputy Ombudsman Orlando Casimiro admitted in the hearing that only "10 percent" of the total cases he handled this year involved military men, while 80 percent concerned police officers. The rest were cases against fire and jail bureau personnel.

Flanked by Overall Deputy Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio and fellow anti-graft investigators, Marcelo said he was already considering transferring some resident ombudsmen to his undermanned team of state prosecutors.

In asking for a P25-million raise in his agency's budget for salaries, Marcelo said he intends to "increase drastically" the number of lawyers for the Office of the Special Prosecutor.

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Nani, Willie meet, kiss, make up

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lar man" was not made public.

An annoyed Senate President Franklin Drilon said the proposed budget of the Department of Justice, including its attached agencies, could be slashed, and Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said Villarama, who had made the blind exposé and thereafter refused to name names, could be "sanctioned by the House by way of contempt, suspension or expulsion."

At the Senate hearing on the proposed budget of the DOJ-attached agencies, Drilon said he could not understand the reluctance of Reynaldo Wycoco, director of the National Bureau of Investigation, to look into Villarama's exposé.

Drilon was not amused by Wycoco's "joke" that the NBI would investigate the matter only if Congress approved its proposed budget.

Noting Drilon's annoyance, Wycoco said his agency would get to work once it received all the documents from Villarama and other possible witnesses. But this assurance irked Drilon even more, leading him to cite Wycoco's acknowledgement that the exposé was within the NBI's jurisdiction to investigate.

"I am surprised at the reply that he's waiting for the sworn affidavits and documents," Drilon later told Senate reporters.

"The NBI should not operate that way," he added. "Otherwise, it will just be an ordinary bureaucrat, waiting and taking a passive view. They can motu propio investigate."

But Perez said last night he would allow Wycoco to coordinate with Villarama in looking into the document that the congressman was holding, to determine whether the matter needed further investigation.

The President said Wednesday over lunch with reporters that she was amenable to Villarama's suggestion that the NBI trace the foreign bank account of the "million-dollar man."

No immunity

Pimentel said Villarama had no reason to withhold the identity of the Cabinet official.

He said there was no parliamentary immunity within the halls of Congress, and thus, Villarama was "subject to the full authority of the House."

"And being a responsible public official, he should name names," Pimentel said.

Pimentel cited as an example the case of the late Rep. Sergio Osmeña Jr., father of Sen. Sergio Osmeña III.

At that time, Pimentel said, Osmeña accused then President Carlos P. Garcia of anomaly in a privilege speech. But when told by the executive department and Malacañang to present proof, Osmeña could not do so, prompting his peers to oust him from the House.

Reacting to Lacson's statement on radio that Perez was the "million-dollar man," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye told reporters: "We caution against making blanket accusations in the media based on pure hearsay."

Bunye said parties claiming to have information on the foreign bank account of the official in question should instead coordinate with Dario Rama, chair of the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission, or with Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo, whose office was reportedly taking part in the conduct of a lifestyle check previously ordered by Ms Macapagal on Cabinet members.

"As the President said before, nobody will be exempt from the lifestyle check, and that includes the First Gentleman," Bunye said.

No soap opera

Opposition Rep. Gilbert Remulla (Cavite) urged Malacañang to conduct its own inquiry, saying the President should not shield corrupt members of her Cabinet.

He pointed out that it was Ms Macapagal's own ally who had made the exposé, and called on Villarama to stop beating around the bush.

"This is a very serious allegation, and we should not treat it like a soap opera where people can be left hanging on who the villain is," said Remulla, a member of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino.

He said that as a government official, Villarama should consider it a duty to disclose the identity of the corrupt official.

He also said Villarama's failure to do so could mean that the exposé was just a means to get the President's attention.

On budget matters, Drilon chided the DOJ for its unliquidated cash advances of P147 million and unreconciled bank statements.

He said the department had P95 million in intelligence funds that were accounted for through a "closed-envelope system" open to abuse.

He pointed out that under the General Appropriations Act of 2002, the DOJ was to submit a regular report to Congress on how the funds were spent.

Drilon also criticized the DOJ for its purchase of 31 vehicles during the last two years using the Witness Protection Program funds. He said this was an abuse of authority.

"Witnesses are complaining about lack of support, and yet you have the Department of Justice purchasing 31 vehicles out of the funds intended for the protection of witnesses. *Anong klase yan* (What is this)?" he said. *With reports from Carlito Pablo and Juliet L. Javellana*

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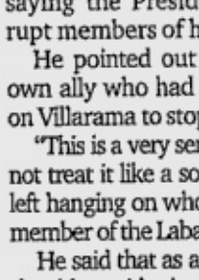

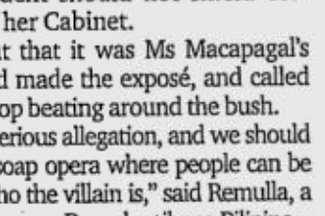

I had my hands on the wheel driving when my son said ,: "You used to have such beautiful hands, Mama". This comment prompted me to seek help from my friend Susan Co Ong . I invested an hour to take years off my hands.

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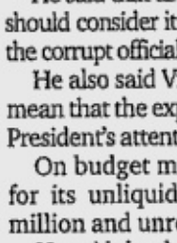

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Winning gambit

IMELDA Marcos denies that she has some P2 billion in cold cash stashed away somewhere, following a compromise settlement involving part of her family's ill-gotten wealth. The Marcos family is so poor, it cannot even pay its electric bills, said the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos' widow, who lives in a posh condominium in Makati and goes around in a bullet-proof limousine reportedly costing P15 million. They are so poor, she said, that they cannot even pay their debt of gratitude to some long-time Marcos loyalists who have now turned against her.

EDITORIAL

Some of these Marcos-loyalists-turned-Imelda-foes have come forward to claim personal knowledge about the compromise settlement. The group, composed of Marcos Loyalist headquarters founder Cherry Cobarrubias, former broadcaster Rita Gaddi and businessmen Anthony Violago and Nonoy Escolin said the first tranche of P200 million was paid in December last year and the remainder should have been paid by October this year. They said the money was delivered by representatives of the Philippine Long Distance Co. in several computer boxes. Imelda then had the money transferred into two suitcases that she never allows to be out of her sight.

Fantastic? Maybe. But Imelda's former supporters said they were not merely spectators but insiders in this particular deal. Escolin, who claims to be close like a brother to Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., said he had undertaken some confidential missions related to the settlement.

Moreover, their account about the settlement seems to confirm earlier suspicions arising from a letter detailing the schedule of payment of attorney's fees signed by two of her lawyers from the Ponce Enrile Reyes and Manalastas law firm. The letter, a copy of which had been leaked to the INQUIRER in June this year, sought payment from Imelda of 5 percent in attorney's fees based on 75 percent, instead of 100 percent, of the settlement mount.

Lawyer Armando Marcelo has confirmed that the signatures on the letter were his and his partner's, Eleazar Reyes, but said it was nothing more than a "form letter." He said the letter did not involve the PLDT case but a proposed 75-25 sharing of Marcos' hidden wealth between the government and his heirs. Their law firm had taken part in the negotiations for a 75-25 sharing arrangement during the Estrada administration when Magdangal Elma was chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, he said.

Curiously the arrangement had already been voided by the court by the time the letters were written, but Marcelo claimed that the negotiations still continued. Even curiouser, the lawyers promised to "continue our services to ensure that the payment schedule committed by the other party shall be complied with, and to seek an accelerated payment of the full settlement amount."

If Marcelo was right, then the government had a commitment to pay Imelda 25 percent of something in accordance with an agreed payment schedule. But no such deal was consummated with the government, so who else could have made such a commitment of payment?

Imelda's former friends said it was PLDT. PCGG Chair Haydee Yorac said they could be right. "While PLDT is not mentioned in the letter," she said, "we assumed on the basis of our reading of the documents...that this might refer to PLDT because she intervened."

PLDT has already denied it was a party to any settlement with Imelda. But what about the heirs of Ramon Cojuangco, whose ownership of a big chunk of PLDT shares is being challenged by the PCGG, which believes they are part of Marcos' ill-gotten wealth?

Imelda had filed a cross claim to the same shares but she didn't present any documents to prove it. Her claim has since been dismissed by the Sandiganbayan, so why would the Cojuangcos have to pay her off?

Consider: If Imelda indeed has documents proving ownership of the PLDT shares, she can present them before the court and win the case but eventually lose the shares. Of course, the Cojuangcos lose, too. So why not just throw away the documents and grab the money? This way, she gets back a part of the loot and the Cojuangcos—buy some peace of mind. It's a win-win solution for the Marcoses and one of their closest cronies, and another big loss for the government which rarely does anything right when it comes to recovering Marcos' ill-gotten wealth.

SC rulings on arrest, detention of aliens

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

(Continued from yesterday)

IN CASE after case, the Supreme Court has repeatedly held that without a final order of deportation, the Commissioner of Immigration has no power to issue a warrant of arrest against an alien. Such an act violates the due process clause of the Constitution. And it has long been settled that the "due process clause" and the "search and seizure clause" apply to an alien legally admitted into the country.

In Santos v. Commissioner of Immigration (74 SCRA 96), the Supreme Court said: "An alien may not be arrested before a final order of deportation is made and before the charges have been substantiated."

In Salazar v. Achacoso (GR No. 81510, March 14, 1990) the Court, sitting en banc, laid down doctrinal guidelines for the Bench and the Bar:

"1. Under Article III, Section 2, of the 1987 Constitution, it is only the judges, and no other, who may issue warrants of arrest and search.

"2. The exception is in case of deportation of illegal and undesirable aliens, whom the President or the Commissioner of Immigration may order arrested, following a final order of deportation, for the purpose of deportation."

In Gatchalian v. Hon. De la Rosa (GR Nos, 85122-23, 95612-13, May 31, 1991), the Court, also sitting en banc, reiterated that "A warrant of arrest issued by the Commissioner of Immigration, to be valid, must be for the sole purpose of executing a final order of deportation. A warrant of arrest issued by the Commissioner of Immigration for purposes of investigation only is null and void for being unconstitutional."

In Neria v. Vivo (29 SCRA 701, 1969) the Court, also en banc, declared:

"...No warrant of arrest can be issued by Immigration authorities before a final order of deportation is made. For until it is established that an alien lawfully admitted gained entry into the country through illegal means and the expulsion is finally decreed, his arrest cannot be ordered.

"The issuance of warrants of arrest by the Commissioner of Immigration, solely for purposes of investigation and before a final order of deportation is issued, conflicts with paragraph 3, section 1, of Article III (Bill of Rights) of our Constitution."

In Catherine Siy vs. Hon. Andrea D. Domingo (GR No. 97152) and the Antonio Siy vs. Hon. Andrea D. Domingo (GR No.97159), the tribunal made an extended resolution, the pertinent portion of which said:

"Before any alien may be deported upon a warrant of the Commissioner of Immigration, there should be a prior determination by the Board of Commissioners of the existence of the ground as charged against the alien. A deportation proceeding does not partake of a criminal action. However, considering that it is a harsh and extraordinary proceeding affecting the freedom and liberty of a person, the constitutional right of such person to due process should not be denied.

"Until a final order of deportation has been issued finding petitioners to be undesirable aliens of the charges have been fully substantiated by evidence, petitioners may not be indefinitely detained by the BI (Bureau of Immigration). Continued detention of herein petitioners before a finding has been made that they committed acts which render them subject to deportation is a violation of due process."

Thus, the arrest and detention of Prama president Ramon Collado, is a violation of the Bill of Rights and of repeated doctrines laid down by the Supreme Court. In fairness to Commissioner Domingo, however, she agreed to give Collado a pass, through the intercession of Jess Santos (who also happens to be my lawyer—and that of Max Soliven and Doroy Valencia).

In explaining, the arrest and detention of Collado, Santos, speaking for Commissioner Domingo, said in a letter that Collado is charged **"with the administrative offenses of working without the proper permit, and/or violation of the condition and limitation of his stay as a retiree, and/or for not being properly documented at the time of his arrest. The issue relating to Mr. Collado's detention, as correctly mentioned, has been brought before the Court of Appeals in a habeas corpus proceeding and the issues relative thereto are sub-judice. Until the Court of Appeals issues its ruling, it is not proper for anyone to say that Mr. Collado's human rights were violated.**

In implementing and enforcing the law as against Mr. Collado, the Bureau has thoroughly considered the legal basis and implications of its action. We considered, in addition to the law that requires him to secure a working permit, the welfare of the great majority of the other retirees who saw clearly Mr. Collado's inappropriate insistence in controlling them through Mr. Collado's foundation. The Bureau is not blind to these realities and thus, acted promptly as it did.

"The cancellation of said visa was pursuant to the official request of the PLRA through Ms Erlinda P. Lozada, officer-in-charge, for failure (on the part of Mr. Collado) to secure an Alien Employment Permit (AEP) (in connection with his being a holder of an executive-supervisory position in Prama) from the Department of Labor and Employment, in violation of Department Order No. 12, Series of 2001 of the Department of Labor and Employment and of Section 2, Rule IX of the Rules and Regulations Implementing Executive Order No. 1037. It must be stressed that the SRR Visas are applied for and processed with the PLRA. Once endorsed and it is established that all requirements are complied with, the Bureau merely implements the same.

Taking time

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

A NEIGHBOR of mine, whose identity I have not yet discovered, likes to play his music loud. He does this as much in the daytime as at night—his stereo seems perpetually turned on. I would normally have found this annoying, and would have protested it, except I have found his choice of music, well, interesting.

I have him pegged in my mind as a retiring, or retired, gentleman or lady (who knows? maybe there are two of them) because of the fare he dishes out. This is the variety one can only describe as really oldies. This is not the oldies of the '60s, though he occasionally has those too: Matt Monro, Jerry Vale and Elvis now and then. These are oldies in the sense of "La Comparsita" and other tango tunes, Diomedes Maturan and other balladeers of his day, and various *kundimans*, chief of them "Mutya ng Pasig."

My collection of CDs, which has grown by leaps and bounds over the last five years, and which now threatens to overrun my living room, may be extensive, from classical to alternative, but it does not contain Diomedes Maturan and the balladeers of his day, or *kundimans*. Come to think of it, I have heard *kundimans* only sang live, or through TV programs like "Paco Park Presents." Getting a whiff of those songs has given me a sense of lack, or loss.

I don't know that my neighbor has these things in CD form. Half the time, I have the impression they are vinyl records, though I have not yet heard them skid. Or get into a rut, which is where the phrase "you sound like a broken record" comes from. If so, then he must take care of them with exemplary diligence. I know because I have been unable to. Of course vinyl still sounds better than CD, as I've had occasion to argue in the past (and as any solemn audiophile will tell you), but it also takes time and trouble to maintain. Nice if you've got the leisure, and are in need of therapy (washing records are great in that respect), but not so if you don't.

That has dispelled my annoyance completely, though I am sometimes still jolted to fitful wakefulness by the sound of "Merry Christmas Polka" at 7 a.m. I am one of those persons who find it hard to write while something is playing in the background (it tends to intrude on my thoughts), though for some strange reason I find it easy to read while something is playing in the background (I welcome the intrusion). Despite this, however, I have been able to take our morning rituals more and more gamely each day.

I myself when I am not writing am perpetually listening to music. I must be a frustrated musician, though I suppose my frustrations there have had a salutary effect on everyone, myself included. I don't know that I would have made a good musician—while I play the guitar with reasonable proficiency, I have neither the great ear to become a fine performer nor the musical creativity to become a fine composer, both of which some of my musician friends possess in enviable plenitude.

But I make for a good listener. I listen to music the way other people eat food, the only difference being that you can never listen to music excessively or get spiritually obese from it. I have not actively shut my ear, or mind, to any kind of music, though I must confess that I wanted to shoot the Bee Gees at some point in the late '70s for spawning the Saturday night dementia, which was disco music sang by men who had had their balls cut off (there is no truth to the rumor they do that to the members of the Vienna Boys' Choir).

Over the past decade or so, my interests have turned more actively to classical music, and for some reason to opera. Or probably more accurately to traditional classical music-Messrs. Bach, Beethoven, et al.—my ability to make sense of avant garde, much less appreciate it, being very limited. Beyond Stravinsky, I am at sea completely. I've always thought atonal sounded like *atungal*. And as far as opera goes, largely Puccini.

I did watch "Don Giovanni" in Hamburg, and while the sets and the singing were impressive, the material itself, alas, was not so. I'd have gone for "La Boheme" or "Tosca" anytime. I suppose that was the part in Mozart's life when he was trying to make ends meet by writing quickies for his friends in the bawdy houses, as Peter Shaffer's "Amadeus" so well dramatizes.

Something funny, quite incidentally, happened on the way to that opera. A group of us took the taxi to it, and since none of us spoke German and the driver couldn't understand the word "opera house," our Australian friend, who was seated in front, belted out his best imitation of someone singing an aria. The driver nodded his head vigorously, the light of understanding dawning on him. And brought us straight to a movie house that was playing "Mama Mia."

Now and then, I listen to loud music, live in various places and at home with the help of a 14-year-old boy who has introduced me to System of a Down. That's a fantastic group, along with Linkin' Park—I draw the line at Korn. But for the most part, I listen to such things as Bach's Goldberg Variations, particularly as played by Glenn Gould. I must confess here as well that it took me some time to discover its pleasures. At first I couldn't understand why they sent it, along with the Rolling Stones' "I Can't Get No Satisfaction," in a Nasa flight to greet aliens. Now I can't understand why they sent "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" along with it. I have a better idea now why it is Hannibal Lecter's favorite piece of music. That was what he was conducting in his mind while he was eating his guards in "Silence of the Lambs." What can I say? Some things make you ravenous.

Taking time out from writing about the serious stuff? No, I'm taking time out to write about the serious stuff.

Party building or 'bargain hunting'

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has lavished praise on her "publicist" Dante Ang for having resigned his sinecure as senior presidential consultant on public relations after he had been embroiled in a public controversy over his apparently rapid accumulation of assets. The President said the resignation was "praiseworthy," as it showed that Ang has *"delicadeza."*

The presidential accolade echoes the tribute paid by former President Joseph Estrada to his crony Lucio Tan when the latter came under fire for having received favorable presidential decisions—including the dropping of a P25.27-billion tax evasion case and his takeover of the national carrier, Philippine Air Lines. Estrada called Tan a "national hero" for putting in money to bail out PAL.

Today, President Macapagal is holding up Ang as a model of ethical conduct worthy of emulation. Earlier, Ang had quoted Foreign Secretary Blas Ople, whose switch to the administration was mediated by Ang, as saying that "helping a troubled company get above the waters was a high act of patriotism." This was in reference to the criticisms over Ang's acquisition of shares of two distressed companies—the thrift bank BankWise and Technogas appliance company—which took place while Ang was serving as senior presidential consultant on public relations.

Echoing Ople, Ang said, "I had thought that by helping rescue the two companies, I would earn some praise instead of criticism." Like Estrada on Tan, Macapagal and Ople fostered the view that Ang had done the country a great service. Businessmen in this country try to make us believe that while they have a right to make money in the environment of free enterprise, they are also good "corporate citizens." But I have yet to see any businessman who has been motivated to go into business or to bail out distressed companies by "patriotism." Businessmen go into business for gain—not to be like Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio or Apolinario Mabini, and patriotism and social responsibility take a distant second place. God forbid the day when the likes of Ang and Tan are enthroned in the pantheon of our national heroes for activities in the pursuit of wealth acquisition and enhancing their commercial interests, while enjoying the advantages of close association with presidents.

Ang says that "bargain hunting is my hobby." Indeed, even in depressed business conditions, bargain hunting has proved to be a commercially rewarding hobby for Ang. His business expansion, during bad times, include the Manila Times, and Kabayan Publishing. Ang has also resigned as chair and executive officer of the government-sequestered TV station IBC-13 and as a board member of the Asian Printing Office-National Economic Developing Authority, a printing office under government control.

Thus, even though Ang had received no salary as presidential consultant, his positions in the media facilities of government underline the extent of his influence in dissemination of information favorable to President Macapagal. While Ang was serving as consultant to the President, he was reported to have acted as publicist for Piatco, whose contract to operate Naia Terminal III is under fire and being reviewed for "onerous" provisions extremely advantageous to Piatco and disadvantageous to the public interest. These activities connected to Piatco suggest conflicts of interest. The Piatco contract is so controversial that it is a potential time bomb that can explode into a major administration scandal, unless the administration corrects the "onerous" terms outlined by Gloria Tan-Climaco, who was commissioned by the President to review the contract. The administration has sidelined Climaco's findings and has created a committee to review the Climaco review.

In one of the meetings among Cabinet members, Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, according to sources inside the Palace, had warned his colleagues not to tamper with the Climaco report, saying that he would put his job "on the line" for the report. What the Cabinet committee will do with the Piatco review is now being closely watched by the business community, which considers it as the test of the integrity of the Macapagal administration. If the controversy is not resolved satisfactorily and a cover-up results, it could shake up the Cabinet like a political earthquake.

Apparently in response to mounting criticism over the opaque relationship between the President and Ang, the President has accepted Ang's resignation but she has shunted him to the task of building her minuscule party, Kampi, ahead of the 2004 elections. The resignation has not severed the nexus between the President and Ang. When one builds up a party for an election, the main thrust is fund-raising. True, rebuilding requires organizing party cadres, but underlying the effort is a campaign chest. Thus, Ang's new role is by implication to raise funds.

Since Ang still has a political relationship with the President, any effort by Ang to strengthen Kampi will always be perceived by the public, the business community and by politicians, as enjoying the mandate of the President. The shift, therefore, of Ang's activities from the official level to the party level can only reinforce the perception that the President is using him as the point man in the strengthening of Kampi. The line is also blurred to determine what activities of Ang are intended for party building or to promote "bargain hunting."

Sadat's mission in Israel not yet ended

FEATURE

Caroline Drees

CAIRO—Pledging to go to the end of the world in search of peace, Egypt's late President Anwar Sadat boarded a plane to Israel on Nov. 19, 1977 to shake hands with his foes after four devastating Arab-Israeli wars.

Twenty-five years later, the journey Sadat began has ground to a shuddering halt.

In central Cairo, a man sells charcoal sketches of political leaders—but his Sadat portraits aren't doing well these days, he says. Only one picture of Sadat hangs on the white-washed wall, flanked by a sketch of an angry Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian president, and dwarfed by four pictures of Sadat's predecessor Gamal Abdel Nasser, the hard-line hero of pan-Arab nationalists.

"Nasser pictures are much more popular than Sadat. I sell something like four times as many Nasser sketches," he said.

For most Egyptians, the reason is obvious.

Ties between Egypt and the Jewish state are frostier than ever since the neighbors signed a peace treaty in 1979, and the goal of a comprehensive peace in the volatile region remains elusive.

Arab anger

Arab anger at Israel is at a boil, not least thanks to continued Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory, a steady diet of government rhetoric and heavy media coverage of a Palestinian uprising which erupted in September 2000 after peace talks collapsed.

Even in Egypt, once seen as a beacon of hope for Arab-Israeli harmony, frustration is rife. With television stations beaming non-stop footage into every home of Israeli tanks bulldozing Palestinian towns, the vast majority of Egyptians have stopped viewing Israel as a partner for peace.

"There was hope for peace when Sadat went to Israel, but there is no hope now," said 54-year-old Cairo shopkeeper Farouk Mohamed Ibrahim. "Arab national feeling is like a volcano now."

While authorities have been able to keep protests largely under control in Egypt, anger at Israel and its US allies has led to violent demonstrations and sporadic anti-American attacks in various Arab countries, including Jordan—the only other Arab state which has a peace treaty with Israel.

Hassan Nafaa, the head of the political science department at Cairo University, said Egyptians were still glad the peace treaty spared them another war, but were now convinced Israel was an expansionist state that didn't want peace.

"Hopes were high in 1977. Sadat raised people's expectations to a very high level. But when people saw it wasn't so easy, hopes came crashing down. We were at the top of the mountain, and crashed to hell, and we are in hell right now," he said.

The mood is a far cry from the hopes Sadat expressed before his trip and in his memorable speech to the Israeli parliament or Knesset, which set the stage for full-fledged peace talks between the adversaries, leading to Israel's withdrawal from Egypt's Sinai peninsula, occupied in the 1967 war.

"I state in all seriousness that I am prepared to go to the end of the world—and Israel will be surprised to hear me tell you that I am ready to go to their home, to the Knesset itself...," Sadat told Egypt's parliament on Nov. 9, 1977.

Bells of peace

"When the bells of peace ring there will be no hands to beat the drums of war," Sadat told the Knesset less than two weeks later in his dramatic speech on Nov. 20.

Today, many Egyptians and Arabs accuse Sadat of abandoning the Palestinians by signing what they consider a "separate peace" with Israel, and some say Egypt's treaty gave the Jewish state a free hand to invade Lebanon and step up settlements in Palestinian areas because Egypt was out of the equation.

Many say the treaty, so admired outside the Arab world, paved the way for today's regional strife because they say Sadat misread Israel as willing to duplicate the land-for-peace swap elsewhere. A hero and a visionary to some, Sadat is reviled by others as the man who sold out to Israel. Two years after signing the treaty, Sadat was assassinated by Islamic militants.

"It (Sadat's trip) was a failure in every sense. It lost the Arabs what (weapons) they possessed, weakened their position and took attention away from other choices. It didn't give back rights to the Arabs and the Palestinians," said Egyptian Islamist lawyer Montasser Zayat.

Some Egyptians say they had become so accustomed to peace they had all but forgotten the suffering and humiliation of their defeats by Israel.

"Back when Sadat went to Israel people were relieved. People were glued to the TV. After so many wars with Israel, after losing the Sinai and with the economy in tatters, they saw this a last chance to revive Egypt," said one Egyptian intellectual.

"Today, people talk differently, saying the peace has brought them nothing. But they forget what it brought them, and what price they'd have to pay if they gave it up. Talk is cheap, but nobody here is really willing to foot the bill."

Frosty ties

On Cairo's bustling Tahrir Square, the Safir travel agency still offers daily bus trips to Israel in big red letters, even though the service stopped running roughly two years ago.

"Since the Intifada, there have been no buses to Israel.

Buses used to be daily. They were popular and the trip was easy. But not anymore," the travel agent said. "We still have a few tourists ask occasionally, but we have to tell them the trips have stopped."

Ties between Egypt and Israel, while never truly warm, turned icy after the Intifada began, with Egypt withdrawing its ambassador and later halting all but diplomatic relations.

The Israeli Academic Center in Cairo, which seeks to promote educational ties between the two countries, is one of the casualties of the tense political climate.

"The Intifada did a lot of damage in the sense of how many scholars and students come to the center. The numbers fell dramatically. People don't feel comfortable coming now," said David Kushner, the director of the center.

"On some days, no Egyptians come at all," he said, while the only Egyptian in sight at the center was a member of the staff.

Analysts say the continued regional tensions have widened a traditional gap between Sadat fans and those who revere Nasser. Many say the Intifada has shifted the balance in Nasser's favor.

"People become more linked to the Nasserite era when they watch the atrocities committed by Israel on television. They think Sadat was too pro-American, too pro-Israel, and think the only way to deal with them is through the policies pursued by Nasser," Cairo University's Nafaa said.

"Add to that economic difficulties at home and feelings that no political reform is in sight, and people begin to dream about a perceived golden era of the past," he said.

REUTERS

Those fun curfew nights

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IF the young people of Manila only knew, they would realize that curfew is the best thing to happen to them.

Reports say youngsters 17 and younger will be banned from the streets of Manila from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. starting tonight, per a city council resolution. The resolution "seeks to protect minors from lawless elements like drug pushers and addicts, holdup men, thrill-seekers, gangsters and rapists roaming the streets late at night and in the wee hours of the morning." Councilor Luciano Veloso (the comedian Lou Veloso?), the author of the resolution, said he expects the curfew "will keep the youngsters safe in their houses and in their parents' company during these dangerous times."

I'm guessing young people have a different opinion, seeing the curfew as yet another way for the adult world to control their behavior and curtail their freedoms. Well, there are ways to get around adult strictures, you know.

Take it from your parents, who in all probability were teeners in the '70s, launching their social lives just as Martial Law was declared. At that time, staying out on the streets after midnight could earn one an invitation to "ABC"—the military camps Aguinaldo, Bonifacio and Crame—and a therapeutic round of hand-weeding and garbage-picking the morning after.

At first, we all thought our nights of partying would end up as exciting as First Friday Mass. Until, that is, we realized that curfew had given us the license to stay out all night, since our parents would rather have us "safe and sound" in a friend's house, dancing till dawn, than trying to beat the midnight curfew and getting picked up by the dreaded Metrocom and hauled off to a detention center.

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SOON enough, young people learned that the best way to get a free pass to an all-nighter was to call home a few minutes before midnight, explain apologetically that there won't probably be enough time to get home before curfew so the prudent thing to do was to stay put at the party.

Thanks to the Marcos security apparatus, we learned the joys of watching the sun rise while entwined in the arms of a boyfriend (on the dance floor, mind), going out with the *barkada* for breakfast, and sauntering home lightheaded for lack of sleep.

Other young people at the declaration of martial law had left college and ran off to the hills, giving up their lives for the revolution. But with our youthful energies and anger bottled up and seeking release, it was all we could do to wring out every bit of fun we could from the curfew nights. And so it is that while many remember the martial law years mainly for the repression, the fear and the unspoken threat that the smallest transgression could land one in detention if not in some unmarked grave—and I do remember that part, too—we mainly remember the decade for how much fun we had then.

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SO, lighten up, kids. There may be blessings in store yet in this scenario. And far from putting a crimp on your social life, the good city fathers may have, instead, handed you a pass to worry-free partying till dawn, as long as it's done indoors, of course.

To be sure, you do have good cause to protest against this blatant form of class discrimination. You haven't, as a class, been determined to be guilty of a crime or wrongdoing, yet you have been singled out for punishment, your civil rights curtailed. Marcos, at least, was an equal opportunity dictator, since martial law curfew applied to all Filipinos, save for his relatives, cronies, military flunkies, their wives and children and their friends.

And if the purpose of a curfew on folks 17 years and younger is to protect them from criminal elements, shouldn't the more logical move have been to issue a curfew against "drug pushers and addicts, holdup men, thrill seekers, gangsters and rapists?" Are Manila officials now saying that if law enforcers can't crack down on criminals, the only solution would be to rid the streets of their potential victims? And who says crimes only take place from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.? Or that children and teeners aren't victimized at home, and never by their parents?

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A FRIEND texted me wanting to know more about Manila's curfew ordinance since her high-school age son is rather fond of nights out on the town. I told her that as long as he avoids the borders of Manila, she need not worry about his getting arrested.

But that's another point to contest about this resolution. For many parents, the thought of their adolescent children running afoul of *kotong* cops or *hulidap* operatives is even more frightful than the thought of them wandering the streets at all hours with their friends.

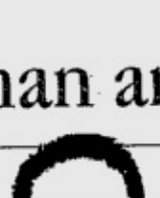
When our son first got his driver's license, for instance, one of the first things we warned him about were the police and traffic operatives who prey on young drivers and see them as easy marks for *"merienda"* money. True enough, he has counted more run-ins with police, usually late at night when he's driving with his friends, than my husband and I combined. I don't think it's carelessness, either, since he almost always seems to wriggle out of these encounters after he passes the hat around among his passengers.

In Manila, women and men can no longer access supplies, services or even information about family planning methods other than "natural" family planning. But at the same time, they have now given teeners and preteeners a perfect excuse to stay out all night on dates and parties if their parents don't want them ending up behind bars. Go do the math. Maybe Manila's officials think they need even more babies and future voters.

More questions than answers

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



BEFORE I left for Tawi-tawi I did some background reading on the oldest mosque in the Philippines in Tubig Indangan, Simunul. There was a photograph in Cesar Majul's landmark work Muslims in the Philippines showing the author posing by one of the four remaining posts of the original mosque. I wanted to pose by the same post, in the same angle and way as Majul did 50 years ago, but I forgot to bring a camera. While I run my fingers over the pillars and examined the faint designs carved on them Teodoro A. Agoncillo's stern warning kept running in my head, "doubt everything until proven otherwise." The experience of doubt was the very same feeling I had when I first laid my eyes and hands on Magellan's cross in Cebu. Should I doubt until proven otherwise, or should I simply follow the script? Before I arrived in Simunul I was already asking myself how the National Historical Institute in August 1998 declared these four posts a National Historical Landmark. Why make life complicated? These relics were presented as proof for the 622nd anniversary of the coming of Islam to the Philippines. Why not accept that Sheikh Karimul Makhdum, the man who built the original mosque in Simunul, brought Islam to the Philippines. What I read and what I saw and heard did not match.

Sometime in the last quarter of the 14th century Sheikh Karimul Makhdum arrived in Buansa, Sulu with seven other Arabian scholars or teachers. My first question was how did historians trace the event to the years 1376 or 1380? The historical sources cited are either: oral tradition, local history, or genealogical records that do not record time in a Gregorian calendar as we do today. I hate to be a spoilsport but someone has to explain to me how they arrived at the date 1380 on which the 622nd anniversary was anchored. Furthermore, how did they get Nov. 7? Perhaps the National Museum could help in the research by dating the posts through a study of the tree rings on each post. Maybe even radio-carbon dating? To split hairs even further what about the exact number of missionaries with Sheikh Karimul Makhdum? Majul says Karimul Makhdum arrived with seven other missionaries. This made a total of eight. However, people in Simunul insisted there were only seven including Karimul Makhdum. So, were there seven or eight?

Was Karimul Makhdum the first to plant the seeds of Islam in the Philippines? Nowhere in the historical sources is it said or stated that Karimul Makhdum was the first to bring Islam to the Philippines. Unfortunately, history does not record the names of Arab traders and missionaries who had spread Islam in Mindanao long before Karimul Makhdum arrived in Sulu. Karimul Makhdum is remembered for consolidating or reinforcing Islam in Sulu. He was famous for his teaching as well as his miracles that included: flying, walking on water, healing the sick, producing water from a hole in the ground, etc. The greatest miracle though is that Majul and other historians state that Karimul Makhdum died and was buried in Sibutu. How come there is a tomb of Karimul Makhdum in Simunul? I doubt if they divided the body as they did revolutionary general Artemio Ricarte who is buried in the Libingan ng Bayani, Fort Bonifacio, in the Ricarte Shrine, Batac, Ilocos Norte, and a thumb is somewhere in Japan. Where is Karimul Makhdum, really?

In my experience, historical research often yields more questions than answers and my trip to Tawi-tawi was no different. I shouldn't complain because unresolved research keeps me busy. All these questions, however, led me to reflect on the way Muslim Mindanao was absent in my grade school, high school and college history classes. What little I learned was rather negative. Muslim Mindanao was portrayed as a land of violence, piracy, and the people resistant to Spanish domination and evangelization. Textbooks today have some Mindanao content but I think it should be improved.

If the research on Simunul is accurate and the mosque can really be dated to the 14th century then it proves that Islam pre-dated Christianity in the region. Islam was there before Magellan arrived in 1521. Islam was in Mindanao before the present Philippines was charted and formed. No wonder Muslims in Mindanao are proud about their religion and heritage. Unlike the Christian inhabitants of Luzon and the Visayas the Muslims in Mindanao were never conquered, but their pride is often misread as arrogance. If our textbooks emphasize the Philippine Revolution of 96-1898 as the height of the anti-colonial struggle, can't we see the so-called Moro Wars as an anti-Spanish and anti-colonial struggle as well? If we remember the names of Rizal, Bonifacio, Aguinaldo shouldn't we remember Kudarat, Dato Ute of Buayan and Datu Ali of Cotabato as well? By integrating the Muslim resistance to colonization into the national narrative maybe we can share an anti-colonial struggle in history. Having something in common can at least make Muslim and Christian Filipinos brothers again rather than be separated or divided by a common history. I'm dreaming again, but now that there is a move to rewrite our textbooks and update our history curriculum we have a chance to integrate the history of Muslim Mindanao into national history. This opportunity must not be missed.

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Two planes, same registry number?

DUE to some apparent discrepancies between your editorial and the articles on the plane crash, I am passing on some information which you may or may not be aware.

Your recent editorial on the plane crash of LAI Fokker 27 indicated that the plane in question was 40 years old, while the news articles (claiming sabotage) on the same day indicated that the owner (Mr. Ng) claimed it was a 22-year-old plane built in 1978. Your editorial and the news article seem to describe two different airplanes.

A quick Internet research revealed that the Fokker 27 registered as RP-C6888 was originally assigned to an older Fokker 27 MK-100 with c/n 10169. This is the plane described by the editorial as being 40 years old and bought from New Zealand (registered as NZ2783). This plane was damaged in Mactan in 1995 and moved to Laoag per Aero Transport Databank.

The airline owner Mr. Ng is claiming that the aircraft was a newer Fokker 27 MK-600. Aviation Safety Network described it as also being registered as RP-C6888. But the c/n number for this aircraft is 10571. This aircraft was built in 1978 and, according to the Fokker Aircraft page fleet listing, was bought from Uganda Airlines (registered as 5X-UWX). Other sources list it as previously registered as 3C-QQB, but I could not trace this number.

Based on the above, it looks like there are two aircraft registered as RP-C6888. A 40-year-old and a 22-year-old. Hopefully your researchers may solve this mystery.

—MARIO CARIASO,
New Hyde Park, NY, USA

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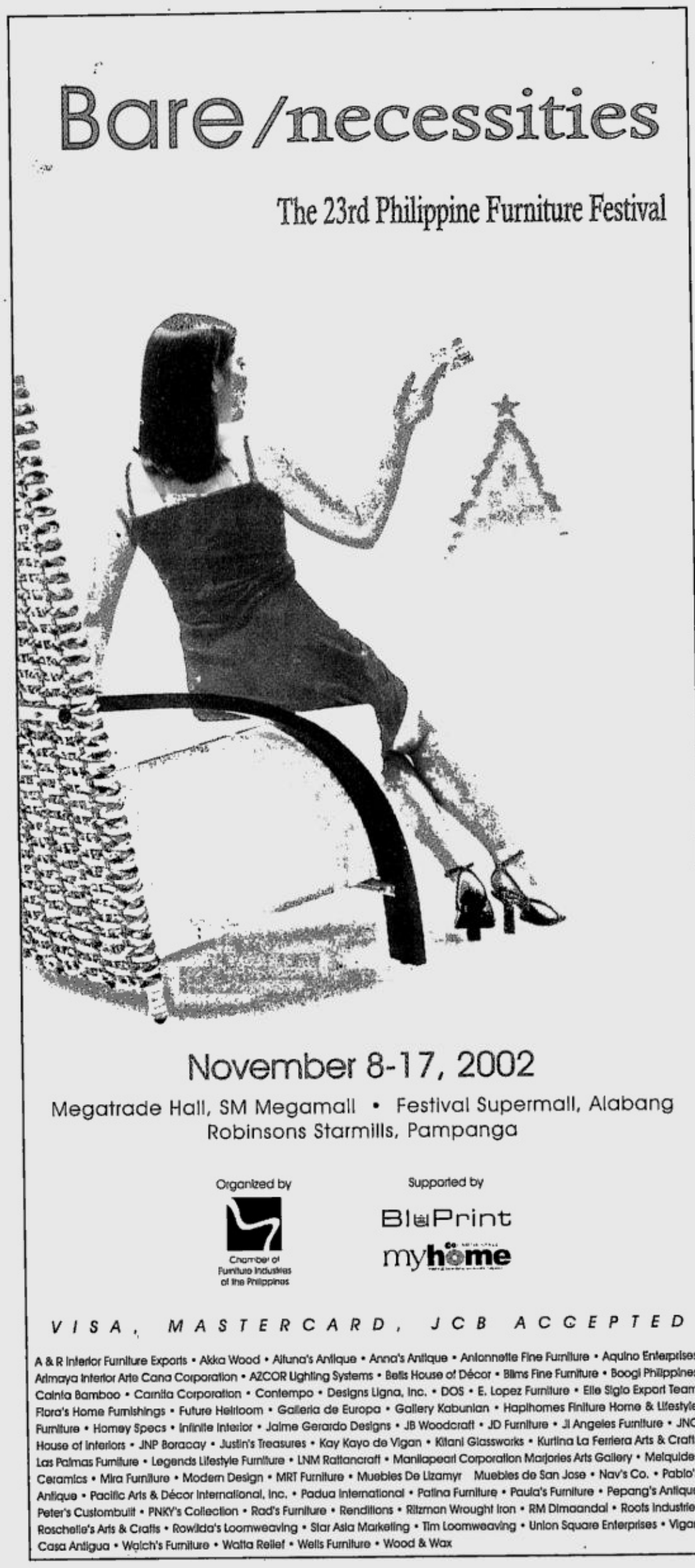

No promise broken

THIS is with reference to an item in the Cocktales column last Nov. 11, 2002. It said that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had failed to live up to her promise of a P1 million bonus for the Bayanihan Philippine National Folk Dance Company. There is no truth to this at all.

We paid a courtesy call on President Macapagal sometime in March after bagging the Gold Temple Award and the Absolute Gold Award for being the best in dance, music and costume at the 47th International Folk Festival in Sicily, Italy. It was during our courtesy call that she announced she would be giving Bayanihan a prize.

And contrary to what the column said, Bayanihan did get the prize after complying with the requirements and providing the necessary papers. In fact, the processing of the papers was very fast. For this we are very grateful to the President for recognizing Bayanihan and its 45 years of service to our country.

We would also like to emphasize that while the Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company is the country's national folk dance company, Bayanihan continues to solicit support from the private sector through its trustees to augment government's support.

Happily, this joint effort of government and private sectors help the Bayanihan pursue its programs and projects.

—SUZIE MOYA BENITEZ,
executive director, Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Co.

BIR cannot sell agricultural lands

IN ITS full-page advertisement in the INQUIRER last Nov. 2, the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Quezon City announced that it would hold on Dec. 2 and 17 a public auction of 188 parcels of lands that had been forfeited in satisfaction of delinquent taxes. Included on the list were seven agricultural lots in the cities of Legazpi, Tacloban and Davao.

In their eagerness to generate revenue through the public bidding of these properties, top BIR officials might have overlooked the fact that agricultural lands forfeited in favor of the BIR cannot be disposed of through public sale. Over a decade ago the BIR and several other government agencies and financial institutions signed a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Agrarian Reform in which the BIR agreed to turn over to the DAR all agricultural lands for proper disposition in accordance with the land reform law.

If that MOA has not been revoked, the sale by the BIR of that seven parcels of agricultural land would be violative of the agreement.

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Montayre's doomsday forecasts

LINDA Montayre of the Philippine Consultative Assembly (PCA) is again being featured prominently in media reports with her "foresight" on the much hyped coup talks.

Who is this person who seems to rival Madame Auring with her grim "divinations"? She seems to know all kinds of doomsday scenario that will happen to the administration. Her revelations of what will occur make you think that she spends most of her time in front of a crystal ball.

Montayre's claim to fame is her "prediction" of the downfall of then President Joseph Estrada. She never forgets to remind those who care to listen that the PCA was the first to come up with an Erap resign campaign.

She basks in the media limelight by hurling accusation after accusation against the President and First Gentleman Mike Arroyo. But she never substantiates her charges. Like a fortuneteller she live it up to fate to support her charges. This makes one wonder why the media continue to patronize her.

One of the most serious charges she has made is that about the First Couple's alleged involvement in a compromise agreement between farmers and businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco. She said that the supposed windfall from this deal would go to the President's war chest in 2004.

Montayre has also relentlessly tried to link Arroyo to all sorts of misdeeds, including his alleged involvement in rice smuggling. She said her witness was "from inside Malacañang, waiting for the right time to come out." A year later, that witness is probably still trying to figure his way out—of Montayre's crystal ball.

Despite the very obvious falsehood of her allegations, she comes out unscathed.

Unfortunately, Montayre was not able to foresee her own brother's decision to file extortion charges against her. She had allegedly duped Ed Olaguer into brokering the sale of his office property to the Philhealth by introducing him to former President Estrada's brothers, Paulino and Jesse Ejercito.

If there were a true-to-life Hogwarts (Harry Potter's school of witchcraft and magic), she would surely pass the course. With Madame Montayre's credentials in doomsday forecasting, Harry Potter should worry.

—RHOZ P. VENALEZ,
Balikatan People's Alliance

On the smoke emission test

FILIPINOS are known to be great imitators. But on the car emission test, we failed to do something better rather than asking volunteers to apprehend violators on the roads. That can only create chaos.

A "Car Emission Test Certificate" should be required before any registration of vehicles or renewals. The Land Transportation Office should create test centers all over the country. It should be done only every two years. This year, is with car plate numbers ending in odd numbers, and next year for those ending in even numbers and every two years thereafter. One or two-year-old vehicles are exempted as they emit little or no dangerous fumes.

VOICES ON INQ7.NET

Comment: This system is not new in the Western world and it has been quite effective. Many of our government officials have gone or even lived abroad but why did they not know about it? Why do they still insist in adopting the old-fashioned way?—djjo

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I will not discourage the government from implementing a scheme on emission testing patterned after first world countries. But if they do so, they need to do it properly and not just use it as a venue of more corruption. However, this is not a long-term solution to improving the air quality. There should be more mass transit systems. Clean up the Philippine National Railway lines and use modern trains, add more coaches to the existing Metro Rail Transit, etc. Secondly stop the importation from Japan, Korea, or China of surplus diesel engines used for jeeps and buses which are basically dumped in our country because they have failed to pass emission tests overseas. Finally decongest Metro Manila by building new central business districts, residential areas and industrial parks outside Metro Manila.—Robby

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The last time I was in the Philippines I had to cover my nose all the time due to black smoke coming from exhaust pipes of buses and jeepneys. I had a hard time breathing when I was there until I went to the southern part of the Philippines and was able to breath real fresh air. The most common problems especially for children in Metro Manila is asthma. Think how much air pollution affects the health of everyone living in the city. I don't know how they're going to implement the Emission Test and what level is acceptable. Too much distrust of the authorities, as those who impose the rules can be bought.

It requires city mayors and other government officials to be vigilant in imposing the rules. In Davao City right now if you smoke in public you'll be arrested and fined or jailed or both. If you smoke inside a jeepney, the driver will be in trouble aside from you. Establishments now are required to have a smoking area in their restaurants. If government officials in the city are not corrupt, the citizens have no choice but to follow the rules and it can be done. I don't like Manila. The air pollution is terrible. When you leave the house with a white shirt, you come home with a beige shirt. Might as well wrestle a gator in the bayou; at least you have a valid reason coming home looking so dirty. Even your nostrils turns black after 30 minutes walking around Manila! If bullets don't kill you in Metro Manila, air pollution will.—leslie

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It's seems like the political insanity in this country will never end. It's no wonder this country is going nowhere because of new frivolous laws made by brilliant public servants whose only motive is to fill their bellies. I laughed when the seatbelt became mandatory. Sure Pinoys are known for their AI (adapt & improvise) but what about the customized jeepneys? The lawmakers' true intention is to make money off poor jeepney drivers and not to save lives. Seat belts on cars and trucks in North America have passed crash testing conducted by different agencies. Do we have such testing on our jeepneys? It's really pathetic to see this kind of injustice done to ordinary Juans. Whoever made the silly seat belt law must have bought tons of discontinued seat belts from developed nations and sold it to none other than sorry Juans. I would love this emission test to succeed, it will surely make my jogging at least bearable and reduce all kinds of respiratory diseases. However our record of achievement shows the odds against the successful implementation of this environment-friendly law is not even close to winning a lottery. Our government is aware of the dangerous deficit and this car emission test is another money making machine to fatten public officials' bellies. Revolution is nasty but what else is left?—zrichcruz

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China gets new leaders

HU JINTAO: Young blood at helm AFP

BEIJING—Chinese President Jiang Zemin hailed a smooth transition to a new generation on Thursday as a landmark Communist Party Congress officially confirmed he would step down with five other elderly leaders.

But Chinese sources said Jiang would wield power in retirement through allies in the new leadership, to be unveiled on Friday, and as author of a plan to let capitalists into the party which the congress wrote into the party constitution.

"With the congress election of a new Central Committee, the party's central collective leadership has realized a smooth transition from the old to the new," Jiang, 76, told the 16th congress as it closed to the strains of the Internationale.

More than 2,000 delegates burst into "thunderous" applause when the results of the election of a new Central Committee were announced, Xinhua said, sealing the transition to a new generation of leaders led by Vice President Hu Jintao, who is 59.

Hu was the only member of the current seven-man leadership elected to the Central Committee, it said, indicating he would take over from Jiang as party General Secretary on Friday.

Only Central Committee members can be on the Politburo Standing Committee—the pinnacle of power which now has seven seats—or party chief.

After months of secretive jockeying for power, the Xinhua report was the first official confirmation that the party was moving ahead with what is billed as its first peaceful and orderly leadership succession.

Previous transitions have been tainted by purges, plots and bloodshed—including Jiang's appointment as party chief after the crackdown on protests around Tiananmen Square in 1989.

"More than 2,100 delegates to the congress showed respect and appreciation to 76-year-old Jiang and his colleagues for the breadth of their political vision and sterling integrity," Xinhua said.

The new Standing Committee will parade out from behind a screen in the Great Hall on Friday—the climax of a tense drama in which almost all the action has taken place off stage.

The new lineup, hammered out by retiring leaders, is a fiercely guarded secret and the subject of months of speculation by party members, China analysts and diplomats alike.

"We won't know for sure until we see who comes out and in what order," said one Chinese political scientist. "Leadership succession is more institutionalized than it used to be, but still very opaque."

Veteran China watchers say almost nobody has accurately forecast a Chinese leadership succession yet.

But the consensus among Chinese sources with close links to the party and leading analysts is that Jiang, who will step down as president in March, has shoe-horned at least four key allies into the new Standing Committee.

The body could also be expanded to nine, with six people from his camp, they say.

Jiang has secured a seat for his main protege and hatchet man Zeng Qinghong, 63, who stepped down as head of the party's organization department last month, they say.

Vice Premier Wen Jiabao, 60, is sure to join the Standing Committee, backed by Premier Zhu Rongji, 74, and is expected to take over the reins of Asia's fastest growing economy next year—although some say the premiership is not his for sure.

Parliament chief Li Peng, 74, has negotiated a seat for his protege, internal security chief Luo Gan, 67, who is expected to take over the party's corruption watchdog, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection. *Reuters*

World knows little about Hu Jintao

by Peter Harmsen

BEIJING—Although Hu Jintao is about to assume the most powerful job in Chinese politics, the world is a little closer to knowing what he is really like, less still what he stands for.

On Thursday Hu was the only one of China's top seven leaders returned to office at the Communist Party's 16th Congress in Beijing.

Hu, 59, is assumed to be taking over the party secretary general's post from Jiang Thursday afternoon, and is set to then become state president next March, leading a generational change at the top echelons of Chinese politics.

But both within China and during an increasing number of overseas trips, Hu's defining characteristic remains his almost completely blank facade.

But there is little doubt that Hu is a highly intelligent achiever.

"He is very good, outstanding," said Wang Dazhong, president of Tsinghua University in Beijing, which Hu left with a degree in hydraulic engineering in 1965.

"He is very methodical and has a remarkable memory," said a diplomat who has met him. "He has a firm grasp of international culture and great facilities on the economic level."

Beyond this, even the place where Hu was born in December 1942 remains open to dispute.

The official Chinese biography lists him as a native of eastern Anhui province, now assumed to mean this is his ancestral home. Other sources say he was born in Shanghai, and still others say the nearby city of Taizhou.

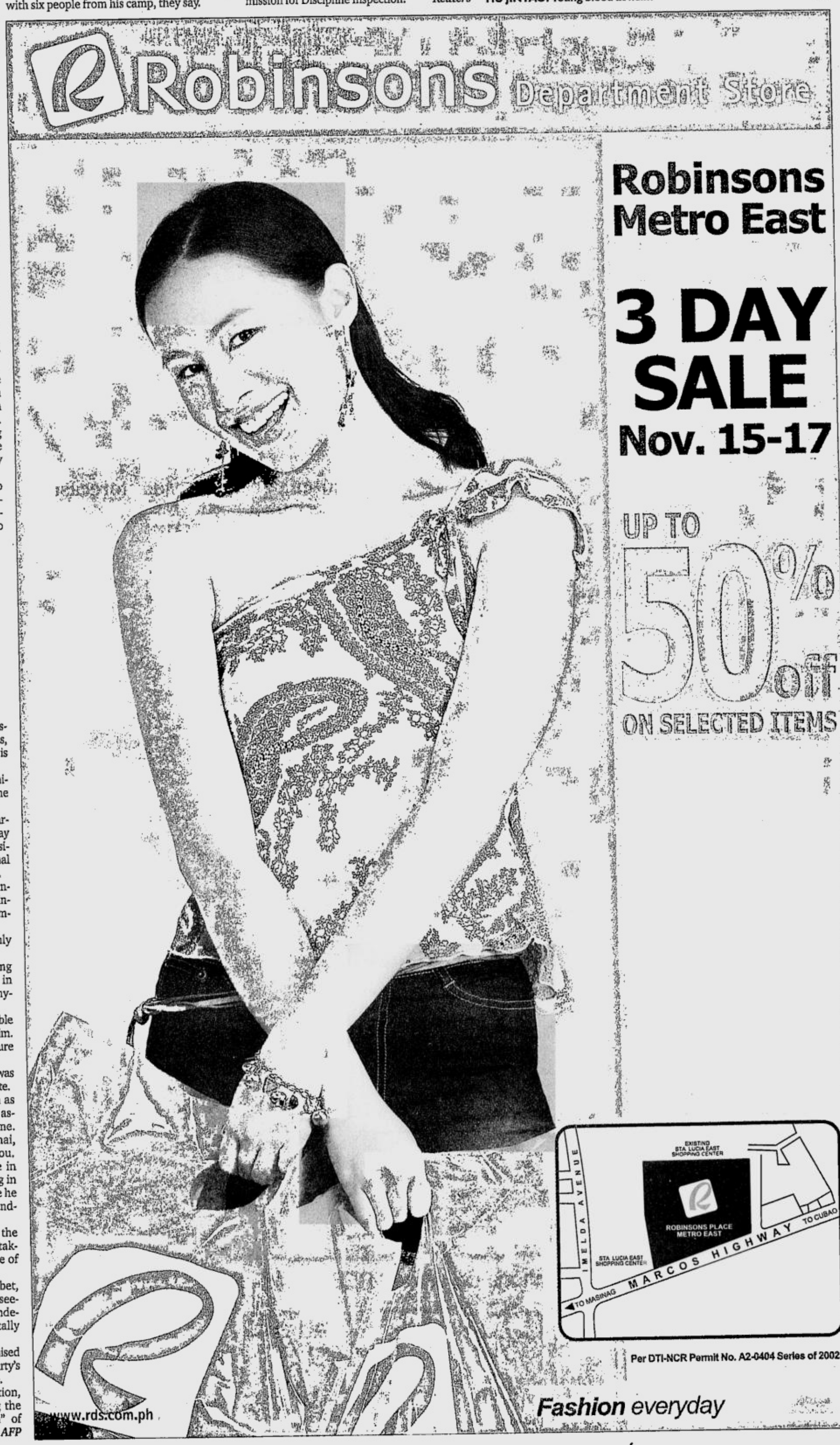
After graduating Hu spent a long time in some of China's poorest regions, beginning in the northwestern province of Gansu where he worked as an engineer and set about ascending the Communist Party ladder.

After a stint in Beijing he became the youngest provincial party boss in China, taking the helm of the southwestern province of Guizhou in 1985 aged 42.

At the end of 1988 he took over in Tibet, immediately showing a tough line in overseeing a declaration of martial law as pro-independence protests in Lhasa were brutally crushed.

Four years later Hu reached the promised land, winning a place on the Communist Party's all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee.

But the reason why he got the position, which put him on the road to becoming the head of a so-called "fourth generation" of party leaders, remains a mystery. *AFP*



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Iraq agrees to return of arms monitors

WASHINGTON—World leaders have greeted Iraq's acceptance of a UN disarmament resolution with caution, welcoming the move but remaining skeptical that President Saddam Hussein will keep to his word.

UN weapons inspectors were preparing to leave for Iraq after Baghdad reluctantly agreed to their return Wednesday, but the United States warned it remained ready to disarm the rogue nation by force if necessary.

"We've heard this before from Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi regime. Now we need to see it by Saddam Hussein's actions," said White House spokesperson Scott McClellan.

"We, the world, expect Saddam Hussein to disarm for the sake of peace," US President George W. Bush said as he met with UN chief Kofi Annan, praising the world body for having "stepped up to its responsibilities."

Annan echoed Bush's skepticism, saying that once the inspectors returned Monday, Iraq would be judged on what it did and not what it said.

"The issue is not the acceptance, but the performance on the ground," Annan said. "I urge the Iraqis to cooperate with (the inspectors) and to perform . . . I think that is the real test we are all waiting for."

UN Resolution 1441, adopted unanimously last Friday by the Security Council, gave the Iraqi government seven days to accept its terms.

The next deadline facing Saddam's regime is Dec. 8, when it must make a full, accurate and up-to-date declaration of its programs to develop chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.

Britain said Iraq had taken a "first step" in accepting the UN resolution demanding its disarmament, but warned Saddam's intentions were "notoriously changeable."

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Iraq would face "serious consequences" if it breached the tough new inspection conditions.

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said his country "now expects Iraq's full and complete cooperation with the UN."

"France takes note of this acceptance which opens the way for the return of UN inspectors under the terms of the resolution, and now expects Iraq's full and complete cooperation with the United Nations," he told lawmakers.

In Cairo, Arab League chief Amr Mussa saluted Iraq's decision, saying it opened the way to a "settlement of the crisis."

Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Moasher welcomed Iraq's decision as a "positive step" to avert a military strike and a start to "constructive cooperation" with the United Nations.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov also struck a positive note, hailing Iraq's decision to unconditionally accept the UN resolution which he said cleared the way for a political solution of the crisis. *AFP*

AN IRAQI girl smiles in front of her home inside the brick factory in the town of Nahawan some 60 km south of Baghdad Nov. 13. REUTERS

Pakistan correspondent got Osama tape

ISLAMABAD—An Islamabad-based correspondent for the Arab TV network Al-Jazeera said a masked man in the Pakistani capital gave him the audiotape purportedly of Osama bin Laden hailing recent attacks in the Middle East and Bali and threatening the United States and its allies.

Ahmed Muhaffaq Zaidan, who has interviewed Bin Laden twice in 2000 and 2001 and has just authored a book on him, said he was "100 percent sure" the voice belonged to the al-Qaida chief.

"I received a call (Tuesday) night from somebody who said he wanted to meet me and had got something for me," Zaidan said.

"I went to the place where he said he would be waiting for me and I met him there. It was a congested area and the man's face was half covered.

"He gave me an audio cassette and said this was from Osama bin Laden. I tried to ask some questions but the man hastily disappeared in less than half a minute."

Zaidan said when he played the cassette in his car he recognized Bin Laden's voice.

"I was 100 percent sure this was bin Laden speaking," the correspondent said, adding that within 90 minutes he had transmitted the recording to Al-Jazeera headquarters in Qatar.

The speaker on the tape, which was broadcast on Al-Jazeera late Tuesday, lashed out at US President George W. Bush and Washington's international allies, calling Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia "murderers."

"As you assassinate, so will you be (assassinated), and as you bomb so will you likewise be," the tape said.

The speaker referred to an attack on German tourists in a Tunisian synagogue, the explosion of a French tanker in Yemen, the killing of 11 French nationals in a car-bomb attack in Pakistan, the killing of a US marine in Kuwait, the Bali bomb attack that took almost 200 lives, and the recent hostage-taking in Moscow. *AFP*

Bali blast suspect says he was 'delighted' bomb exploded

DENPASAR—The key suspect in the Bali nightclub attack that killed nearly 200 people said Wednesday he was "delighted" that the bomb exploded—underscoring claims by Indonesian police that they have captured the right man.

"I am delighted that it successfully exploded," the top suspect, Amrozi, told National Police Chief Gen. Da'i Bachtiar in a meeting attended by reporters and photographers, who watched from behind a glass wall.

In a bizarre 40-minute interrogation, the two men smiled and laughed and Amrozi, who was handcuffed initially before the restraints were removed, occasionally turned and waved at reporters. The purpose of the public meeting was not immediately clear.

Officials said Amrozi—who was arrested last week—has admitted he owned the Mitsubishi minivan laden with at least 50 kg of explosives that blew up outside a packed nightclub on Oct. 12.

Bachtiar released the names of six new suspects Wednesday, identifying them only as Imam Samudra, Al Imran, Idrias, Martin, and two men named Umar.

Amrozi, who uses only one name, told the police chief his role in the Bali blast was only to purchase the explosive materials and that others built the bomb.

In comments, that were only at times audible, Amrozi apologized to his family for the problems he caused them but not to the bombing victims and their loved ones.

"I apologize to my parents, brothers and sisters and other relatives over the incident that has caused so much trouble," said Amrozi, who was wearing a T-shirt with "Police Detainee" written on it.

According to authorities, Amrozi has confessed to being a field commander for Jemaah Islamiah, which has been linked to the al-Qaida terrorist network and reportedly wants to declare a massive Islamic state across Southeast Asia.

After the meeting, Bachtiar said Amrozi "told me that he wants to fight against those who oppress the Muslims. He feels that Muslims have been oppressed."

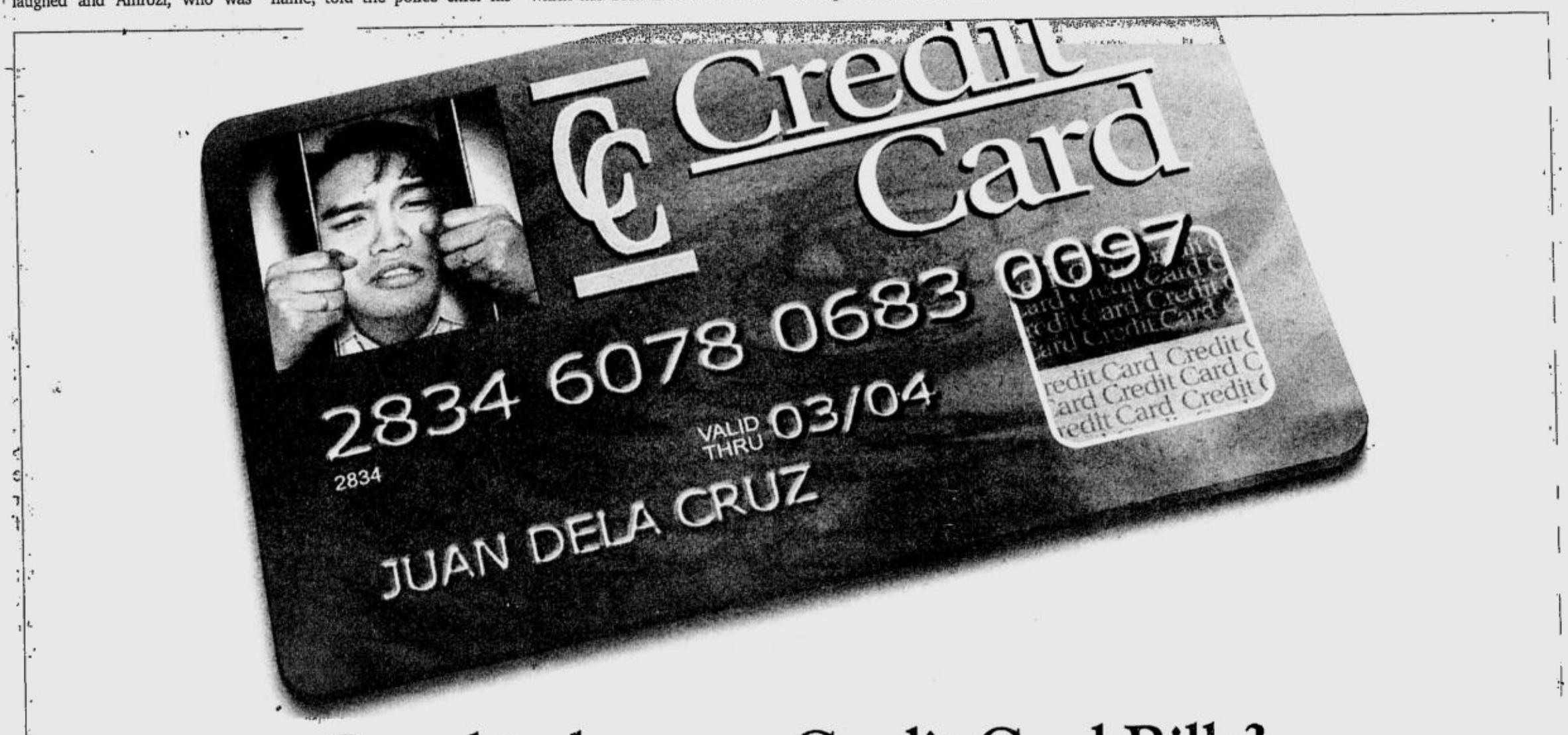
Meanwhile, an Arab TV station broadcast an audiotape Tuesday of a voice that US counterterrorism officials believes is Osama bin Laden's. On it, the speaker praises the Bali bombings.

Bachtiar said it was "very possible" that Amrozi's older brother Mukhlas is Jemaah Islamiah's new operations chief, taking over from Riduan Isamuddin, also known as Hambali.

Several security experts have said Hambali likely masterminded the Bali blasts.

However, according to Bachtiar, witnesses in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia have said "Hambali left Malaysia for Pakistan after the Sept. 11 attack to hide away."

"If there is information that someone else has taken over, like it is said here Mukhlas . . . It is very possible," Bachtiar said. "We received confirmation that Mukhlas was an important figure (in the group) after we interviewed Amrozi." *AP*



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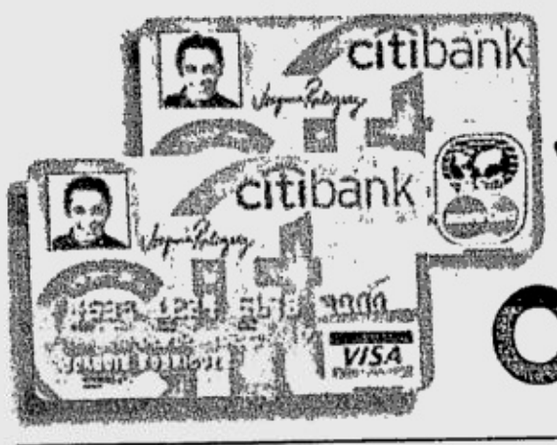

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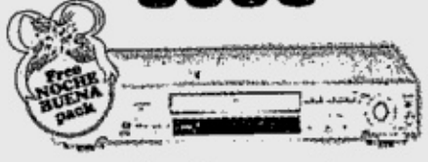

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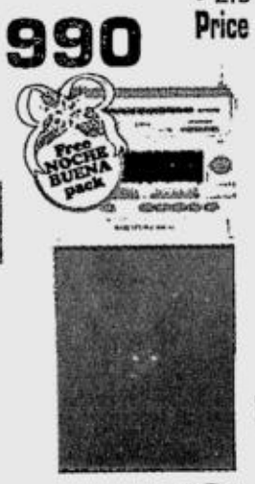

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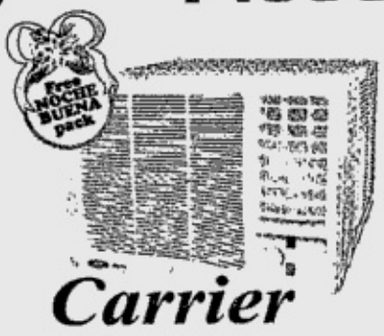

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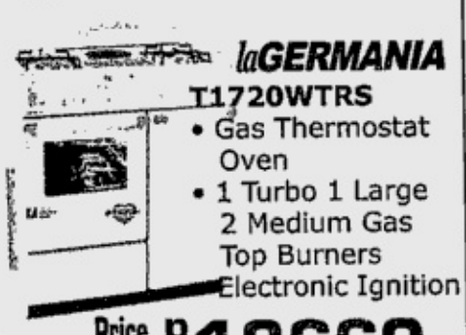

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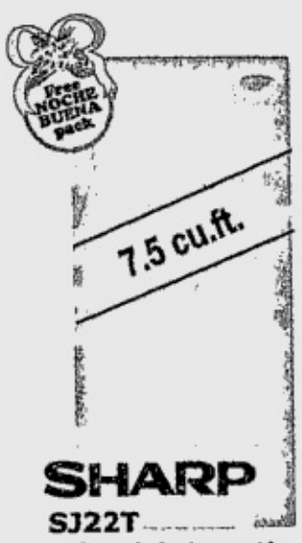

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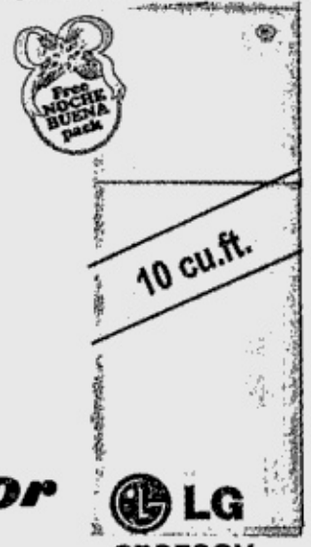

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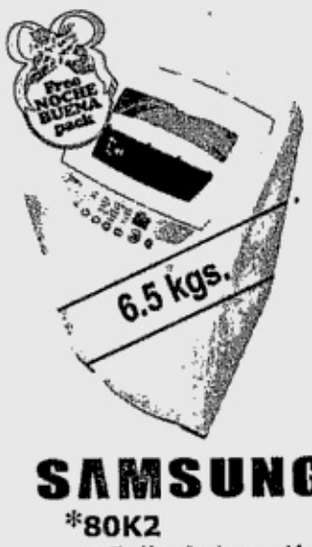

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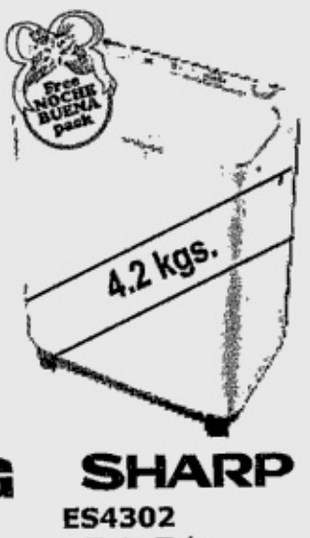

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Nokor says it also has bio arms

TOKYO—A high-ranking North Korean official admitted to US Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly last month that Pyongyang possessed biological weapons, in addition to developing nuclear arms, reports said Thursday.

According to the Yomiuri and Asahi newspapers, as well as major local news agencies, a Japanese official said that North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kang Sok Ju had told visiting Kelly: "Other than nuclear, we also have many other things. We also have bio."

While the reclusive Stalinist state has long been suspected of having an arsenal of chemical and biological weapons, if confirmed this would be the first time it has admitted to it.

The US State Department quickly denied the reports, however, saying in a written answer that the North Korean senior diplomat "made no such remarks or admission during his meeting with Assistant Secretary Kelly."

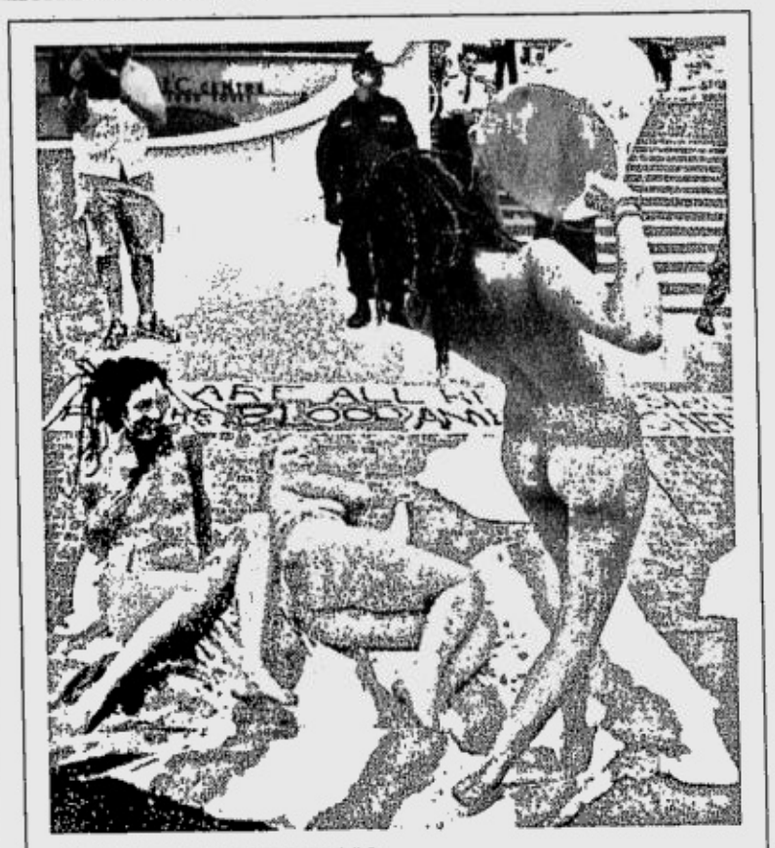
But it said Washington believed Pyongyang did indeed have a germ warfare capability.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda on Thursday said Kelly's reports to Tokyo indicated Pyongyang had the capability for various weapons of mass destruction but the possibility of it having biological weapons was nothing new.

"Various sources already pointed out such a possibility years ago," Fukuda told a news conference.

"I cannot go into details, but according to Kelly's briefings we understand that North Korea has a capability of producing not only nuclear weapons but also others," he said.

The new revelation was likely to influence the outcome of a board meeting of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Program (KEDO) in New York later on Thursday to decide on the future of the program, the reports said. *AFP*



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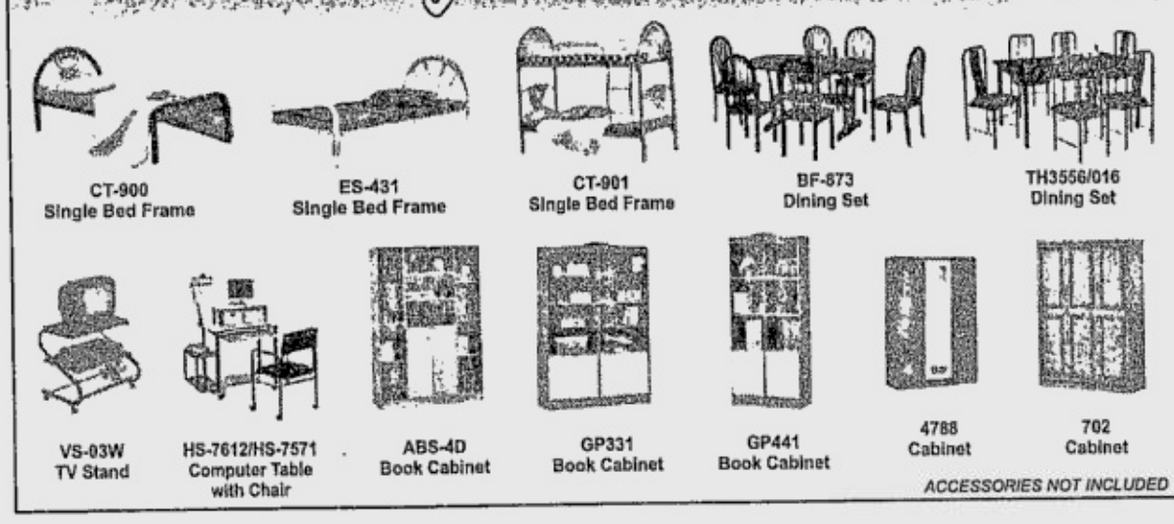

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No oil shipments to Pyongyang

WASHINGTON—The United States will Thursday tell Japan and South Korea it plans to halt heavy fuel oil shipments to North Korea mandated by a 1994 pact, after Pyongyang revealed its continuing quest for nuclear weapons, senior US officials said.

The program will end after delivery of the latest shipment of 42,000 tons of oil, currently on a tanker steaming for the isolated and energy-starved Stalinist state, the officials said.

Negotiators from the three allies, together with the European Union, will convene the Executive Board of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization in New York Thursday, five weeks after North Korea's stunning revelation.

The 1994 deal, known as the Agreed Framework, promised to provide two nuclear power reactors to North Korea financed by KEDO, an international consortium, plus 500,000 tons of heavy fuel oil a year, in return for a freeze on the Stalinist state's nuclear weapons program. *AFP*

$5M to whistle-blowers

WASHINGTON—US President George W. Bush's administration said Wednesday it would offer up to $5 million to informants helping its fight to uproot terrorist financing networks.

"Today, we are offering a reward of up to $5 million for information leading to the dismantling of any system or scheme used to finance a terrorist organization," US Treasury Undersecretary for Enforcement Jimmy Gurule told a news conference.

The reward also was available for information leading to the arrest or conviction of people planning or helping any act of terrorism against US citizens or property, he said.

"The United States is turning to one of its most effective tools against terrorism—the Rewards for Justice Program—to fight the war against terrorism financing," Gurule said.

Up to $5 million would be paid in any individual case, the official said. *AFP*

Israel tanks enter Gaza

JERUSALEM—Israeli tanks rolled into Gaza City Thursday, moving to just 200 meters from the home of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the day after Israeli forces took over the West Bank town of Nablus, arresting 30 Palestinians in retaliation for a deadly attack on a kibbutz.

At least three Palestinian policemen were wounded by shooting from the 20-odd tanks in Gaza and from three helicopter gunships that flew overhead. The tanks fired machine guns at the Palestinian television building in the same district before withdrawing, witnesses said.

Israeli military sources said the operation "was not of exceptionally large scale." *AFP*

Sydney rations water

SYDNEY—Authorities in Australia's largest city imposed voluntary water restrictions for only the second time in more than 20 years on Thursday as the worst drought in a century continued to take its toll.

Residents in Sydney have been asked to curb their water usage and, with no end to the drought in sight, warned that restrictions will become mandatory if the plea is ignored.

New South Wales (NSW) state Energy Minister Kim Yeadon said Sydney's water usage was at a 20-year high even though 99 percent of the state was now affected by drought. *AFP*

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Dog-language gadget to make leap overseas

TOKYO—A computerized gadget that interprets the warp and woof of a dog's life for its owner will be marketed overseas next June, a spokesperson for the device's maker said Thursday.

Bowlingual, first unveiled in August last year by major toymaker Takara Co. Ltd, was a smash hit when it went on sale in Japan in late Sept., the company said.

Domestic shipments have topped 30,000 with the company aiming for 300,000 in sales by next March, while overseas interest has gone barking mad:

The gadget comprises a 3.2-inch microphone attached to a dog collar, and transmits sounds to a palm-sized console held by the dog's master.

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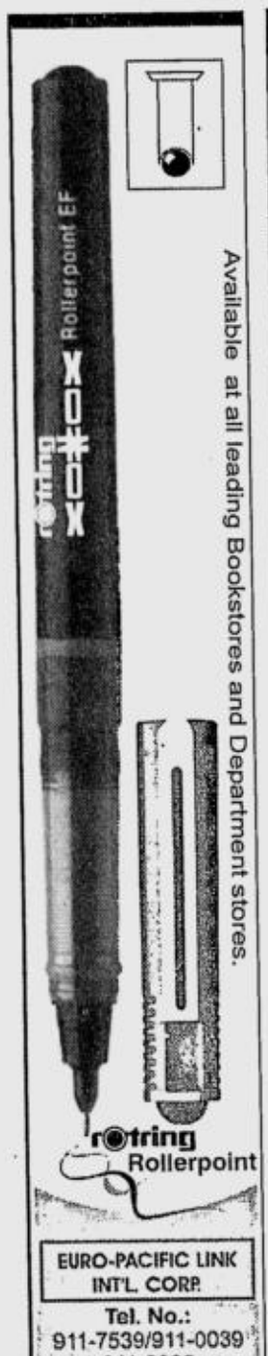
Time magazine has dubbed the device one of the best inventions of 2002, while the US-based science humor magazine Annals of Improbable Research awarded Bowlingual its 2002 Ig Nobel Peace Prize for promoting harmony between the species. *AFP*



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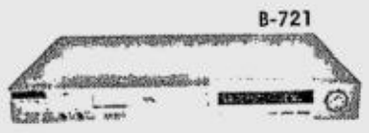

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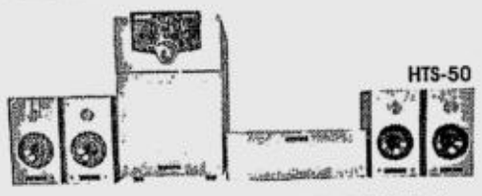

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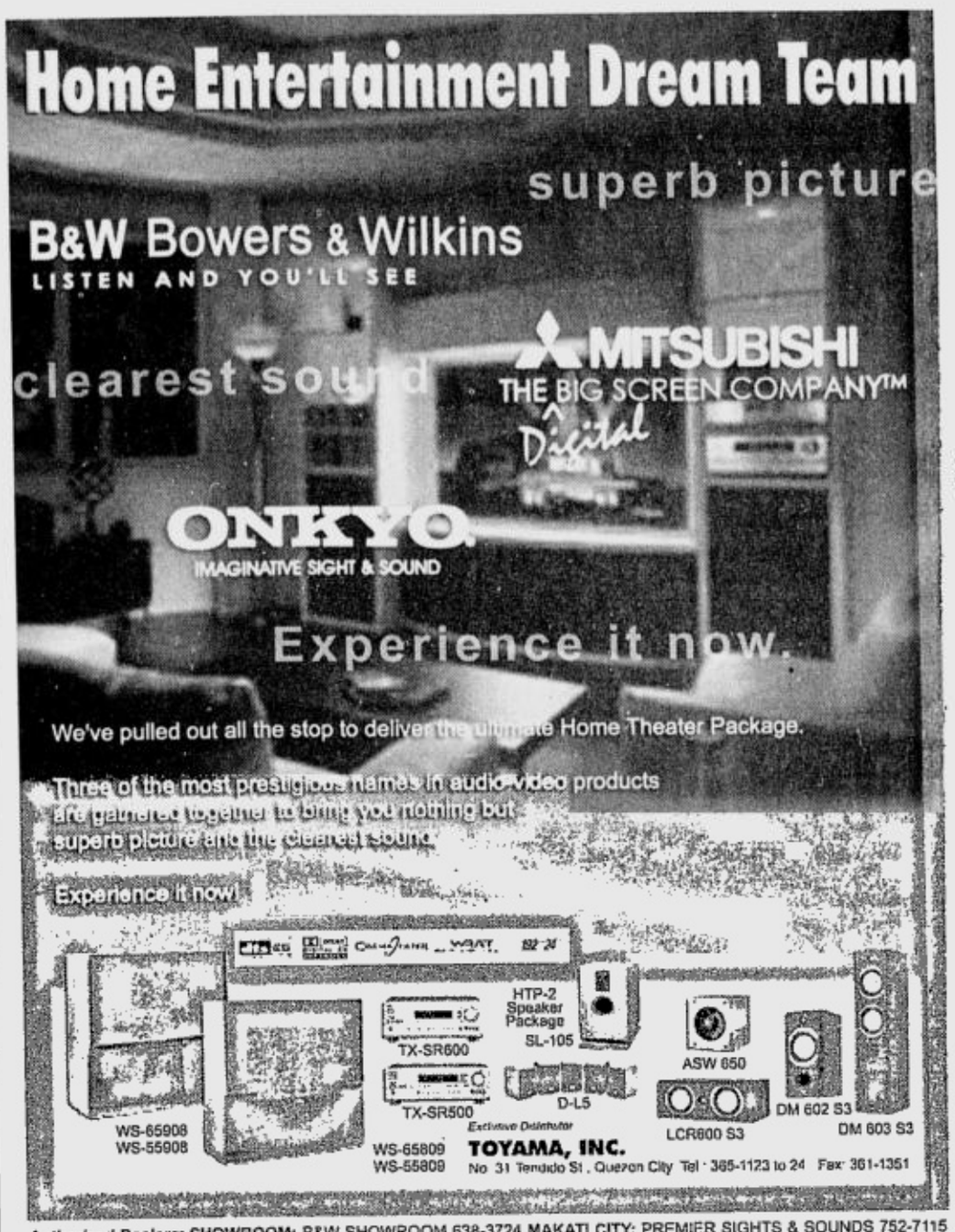

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Smart, Globe relay stations shut down

GUINOBATAN, Albay—Following a series of attacks by the communist New People's Army on Smart and Globe telecommunications relay stations here and in Sorsogon, officials of the two companies ordered on Wednesday an indefinite suspension of operations.

The shutdown aims to protect the lives of employees and to safeguard telecommunications equipment, which costs millions of pesos, the officials said, even if it was against their will, especially as it involved public service.

Vivencio S. Manaig Sr., general manager of Visman Security Agency and Allied Services, and Virgillo Valles, head security of Smart said they were forced to discontinue operations as advised and approved by officials of the two companies.

In a letter to Mayor Christopher Flores, Manaig and Valles said they could no longer bear the "local terrorists' harassment and demand for revolutionary taxes."

Flores told the INQUIRER that the closure of the mobile phone relay stations would greatly discourage local businessmen and prospective investors.

He said he would appeal to police and military officials to strengthen security within the premises of the relay stations in order to convince Globe and Smart officials to resume operations.

Senior Supt. Pedro Tango, provincial police director, said he had ordered his men to keep "very tight" security in the two communications facilities and other vital installations in the province.

Chief Supt. Rodolfo Tor, Bicol police chief, said he ordered other provincial directors to do the same in their areas.

Ramon Isberto, Smart public relations officer, said the shutting down of the cell site in Guinobatan would not affect other signals coming from the neighboring Smart relay stations in Albay.

"The Smart mobile phone relay station will soon resume its operation if there will be no more attacks of the New People's Army in the vicinity of the relay stations in Guinobatan town," Isberto told the INQUIRER.

Earlier, a Globe employee was killed allegedly by NPA members in front of a bakery in the town plaza due to the company's refusal to pay "revolutionary taxes."

Smart, on the other hand, was not spared from attacks. NPA rebels had tried several times to torch the Smart relay station in Barangay Travesia here, but all their attempts were foiled due to the immediate response of police and soldiers.

The suspension of operations of the telecom companies will last until peace and order situation in Guinobatan town improves, company officials said.

Smart and Globe subscribers in Guinobatan and other towns in Albay blamed the NPA for the shutdown.

The Smart telecom relay station here has been operating for almost two years now, while Globe's facility was scheduled to operate this month.

Last Saturday, the two giant telecommunications firms sought the help of Communications Secretary Leandro Mendoza in providing more military and police security after communist rebels raided another Globe relay station this month.

Maj. Jose Broso, Southern Luzon Unified Command spokesperson, yesterday said the military had been doing its best to safeguard not only vital government installations but also private facilities such as cell sites.

"It's just very sad that Smart and Globe management are giving up on this, as if they are the ones giving victory to these terrorists," Broso said.

Senior Insp. Vicente Wanasen Jr., Guinobatan police chief, said his men had been very active in conducting patrol.

The only problem, he said, was that they are having a hard time curtailing the insurgency movement. ***Michael B. Jaucian with a report from Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Rebel killed, 7 captured in Bulacan clash

SAN ILDEFONSO, Bulacan—A New People's Army member was killed while seven others were captured after a clash between the rebels and government troops in Barangay Sumandig here on Wednesday, police said.

Supt. Anastacio Inoncillo, chief of the Bulacan police's intelligence and investigation unit, identified the slain rebel only through his aliases "Ka Ramon" and "Ka Francis."

The captured rebels were identified as Agnes Roxas, 25; Carla Gomez, 22; Angel Fajardo, 22; Geronimo Mendoza, 62; Arnel Hubac, 24; and Bernardo Panit, 25.

The seventh captured rebel is a 16-year-old girl, Inoncillo said.

Reports here said the clash occurred in a farm at Sitio Tumapal in Barangay Sumandig.

Senior Supt. Felizardo Serapio Jr., Bulacan police director, said a police informant provided the combined Army and police team information on the group's location.

Serapio said the rebels were formerly based in Barangay Nabaong Garlang but transferred to Sumandig to collect "revolutionary taxes" in the area.

He said government troops earlier engaged the same group in an encounter in Barangay Nabaong Garlang.

Recovered from them were three Armalite rifles, two shotguns, a .45-cal. pistol, a .38-cal. revolver, a hand grenade, a Kawasaki motorcycle and anti-government documents.

Maj. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, chief of the Army's Northern Luzon Command, sent more troops to the encounter area to protect residents from possible reprisal from the NPA.

In Sorsogon City, two alleged high-ranking communist rebels in Bicol were arrested by government troopers in a remote area in Gubat, Sorsogon, on Monday.

Brig. Gen. Santiago Prejido, commanding general of the 9th Infantry Brigade (Separate) of the Philippine Army, identified the suspects as Cecillo Ervas, alias Wilson, alleged head of the Kilusan sa Iskwad 11, Kilusan Sa Platon 11 and Kilusan Larangan Gerilya 79; and Marcos Floralde, alias Maxt.

Recovered from their possessions were two .38 cal. revolvers and a list of items that they allegedly collected from the town. ***Carmela Reyes with reports from Russell Arador, PDI Central Luzon Desk and Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

DAY OF PRAYER
Elderly Igorot tribesmen wait for their turn to perform rituals and prayer rites during Sunday's celebration of the International Day of Prayer at the Igorot Park in Baguio City. TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

It's all over, says ex-Puerto mayor; Hagedorn transition team takes over

By Geraldford Ticke
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Victorino Dennis M. Socrates yesterday stepped down from the mayoral position, paving the way for the transition team of new Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn to take over City Hall.

Socrates arrived in the morning and immediately went home, saying he no longer had to go to City Hall because "I believe the staff of Mayor Hagedorn has already taken over there."

On Wednesday, the Commission on Elections proclaimed Hagedorn winner of the recall election in the city.

"In a recall election, there is no more need for a transition because I believe that once the winner is proclaimed, he can immediately assume his post," Socrates told media at the airport upon his arrival.

Asked about what his plans are, he said that now that he was no longer mayor, he would just live a normal life like anybody else "and leave everything to God."

What happened in his short-lived political career is the will of God, he said. "I think politics is not for me. I'll just try to look for a place where I would be more comfortable with," he added.

Socrates won in the 2000 local elections, replacing Hagedorn who had served three successive terms.

The former mayor said he was leaving to his counsel the prerogative of filing a motion for reconsideration before the Supreme Court.

"But for me, I think it's all over," he said. "Considering that the vote was a big margin, an attempt will be futile."

At City Hall, the transition team of Hagedorn met with outgoing city administrator Jocelyn Dilig to "iron things out" for the new administration.

The team is composed of former city administrators Agustin Rocamora and Lucilo Bayron, former vice mayor Vicky de Guzman, former councilor Al Ruben Go, and acting mayor Feliberto Oliveros III.

Hagedorn is expected to arrive here today from Manila.

Tension rises as LTO regional chief refuses to step down

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Tension gripped the regional Land Transportation Office here after lawyer Esteban Baltazar, who was sacked as chief, continued to defy a relief order issued by Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza.

Mendoza has appointed retired Senior Supt. Porcawa Dia, former police deputy director of Western Mindanao to replace Baltazar on Oct. 17, 2002.

In the relief order, Mendoza said Baltazar would be assigned at the Department of Transportation and Communications central office in Manila.

On Monday, Dia went to the LTO offices to assume his new position. He was accompanied by Mandangan Darimbang, chair of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board in the region, who said he was ordered by Mendoza "to make sure" that his order was implemented.

But Dia was not able to enter the LTO regional chief's office because Baltazar padlocked it.

Baltazar told the INQUIRER that he would leave the office only if President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered him to do so.

"I am holding on to the appointment that the President has given to me. Unless that is changed then I will not let go of this position," he said.

As the tug-of-war between Dia and Baltazar was going on, their bodyguards, armed with high-powered rifles, were conspicuously posted near the office.

Baltazar's defiance has dismayed his subordinates.

Lawyer Napol Garcia, assistant regional director, said he should abide by the relief order. "There is an order so what can we do? If Baltazar has complaints he should file it to proper authorities."

In Davao City, authorities on Tuesday prevented the supposed takeover of the deputy administrator of the Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA) as its new chief.

Earlier, it was reported that bodyguards of Cotabato City Mayor Muslimin Sema, who also chairs the SPDA board of directors, had positioned themselves to force the installation of SPDA Deputy Administrator Issa Bayani.

Bayani was named new administrator after the 11-man SPDA board relieved Habib Mujahab Hashim due to alleged fund misuse.

Dr. Xuan Dagbusan, SPDA officer-in-charge, said they received word of the "coup" by the SPDA board on Friday.

He said they have immediately sought the help of the police and the military to thwart any violent incident. ***Grace Cantal-Albasin, Anthony S. Allada, Ayan C. Mellejor and Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Crash victim's remains brought home in Cagayan

TUGUEGARAO CITY—November is not a lucky month for the late engineer Joaquin Padilla, one of the 19 fatalities in the Laoag International Airlines Flight 585 crash on Monday.

"Every time November comes, I have always been apprehensive that something would happen to him," said Celerina Padilla, mother of the 38-year-old Padilla.

She said this apprehension was a result of an accident that her son encountered in November 1973 when he almost drowned at the Cagayan River.

"Jake and a group of boys were gathering beetles at the Cagayan River when their banca capsized. Luckily, one of his companions helped him and guided him to the bank. Since then, I have always been apprehensive. Was he fated to die in water?" the mother said.

The remains of Padilla, a troubleshooter in the repair and maintenance unit of the regional Department of Public Works and Highways, were brought to this city on Wednesday.

More than 100 relatives, officemates and neighbors accompanied the body to the Padillas' house in Barangay Pallua.

His wife Gina said Padilla chose to take the Monday flight instead of a Sunday schedule that the airline earlier offered him.

She said Padilla was sent by his superiors to Batanes for an official business at the DPWH office there.

"(Before he left Tuguegarao on Friday), he said I will be back soon. He is really back with us, but he is in a coffin now," she said.

Gina also said Padilla promised to treat their children, Kevin and Giane, to an entertainment and shopping spree in Manila during the Christmas holidays.

Gina thanked President Macapagal-Arroyo for the words of comfort during Padilla's wake in Metro Manila on Tuesday.

Padilla will be buried on Tuesday after a necrological service sponsored by the regional DPWH. ***Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

ROUNDUP

Vice mayor's brod slain

COTABATO CITY—An unidentified man gunned down a brother of Vice Mayor Adnan Biruar of Parang, Maguindanao in front of the victim's residence here on Tuesday night. Senior Supt. Sanggacala Dampac, city police chief, said the victim, Michael Biruar, was having dinner with his family at 8:45 p.m. when told that someone wanted to see him. When Biruar opened the gate, he was met with gunfire. Police said the assailant could be a hired gun.

Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Bomb threat

BACOLOD CITY—Work at the City Engineer's Office was interrupted for 30 minutes on Tuesday after two of its personnel received a bomb threat through the phone. Bomb expert Denny Montoya of the city police said the threat proved to be a hoax. Carmen Llavore, records officer at the Administrative Office, received the phone call from a man at around 9:30 a.m. and passed it to a co-employee who also heard the same threat. No explosive was found during a 30-minute search in the three-story building, Montoya said.

Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

New Legazpi market

LEGAZPI CITY—After a long delay, the proposed new public market will soon be constructed at the city's old bus terminal. The P100-million project will be financed through a loan from the Land Bank of the Philippines. Mayor Noel Rosal said there would be no turning back on the project even if members of the city council oppose it.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

'Watusi' ban

NAGA CITY—The city council's health committee is pushing for a ban on the sale of "*watusi*" to avoid poisoning among children. Dr. Sonny Ranola, committee chair, is sponsoring an ordinance banning "*watusi*," a firecracker that sparks and crackles when scratched against a rough surface. Dr. Vito Borja, city health officer, said the firecracker contained yellow phosphorous which could be fatal when ingested. The proposed ordinance penalizes violators with P500 to P2,000 fine and imprisonment.

Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Bicol housing projects

LEGAZPI CITY—The National Housing Authority (NHA) has allotted some P43.9 million for the implementation of a local housing program in Bicol. Albert A. Perfecto, NHA regional area management officer, said the fund would be used for various socialized housing projects covering urban and "urbanizable" areas in the region. Perfecto said the 14 congressional districts would be allocated P3.1 million each. The NHA central office is now evaluating the project documents per district.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

New rules for wardens

LEGAZPI CITY—The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) held a seminar on Wednesday about the new rules for jail wardens in Bicol. Participants learned how to establish procedures in dealing with sexual harassment cases. Erlinda L. Tee, BJMP intelligence officer, said sexual harassment could be prevented in jail if its personnel are well-informed about the law. Tee suggested that a female officer or non-officer with a background on law should automatically handle the Women's Desk and be designated as sole investigator of sexual harassment cases.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Murdered priest recalled

MABITAC, Laguna—Balloons will be flown by students, residents and priests here today to commemorate the first death anniversary of the town's former parish priest. Elementary and high school classes will be suspended for half a day to remember the late Fr. Arsenio Plata Jr. who was stabbed dead on Nov. 15 last year. San Pablo Bishop Francisco San Diego will preside at the concelebrated Mass with priests of the diocese at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Fr. Nonel Plata, first cousin of the victim, said he would say Mass at the tomb of Father Jun at the cemetery of Tanza, Cavite, tomorrow. On July 1, Regional Trial Court Presiding Judge Lorenzo Bueser sentenced to life imprisonment the confessed killer despite doubts from the victim's relatives.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

El Niño strikes Southern Leyte

By Jani Arnaiz
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MAASIN CITY—The El Niño weather condition is already felt in Southern Leyte and will persist in many parts of the country throughout the rest of the year up to the first half of 2003, according to local weathermen.

Emmanuel Gonzalez, weather bureau head in Southern Leyte, however, said the impact of the El Niño would be milder compared to the devastating drought that hit the country in 1997 to 1998.

Although heavy rains will occasionally occur, Gonzalez said the volume of rainfall would be below normal. Thus, drier than normal conditions are expected in most parts of the country during the last quarter and slightly warmer conditions will be felt up to the first half of next year, Gonzalez said.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration official said Northern Luzon, most parts of Central Visayas and Bukidnon experienced below normal rainfall last month, which, he said, were manifestations of the effects of the El Niño.

Warming

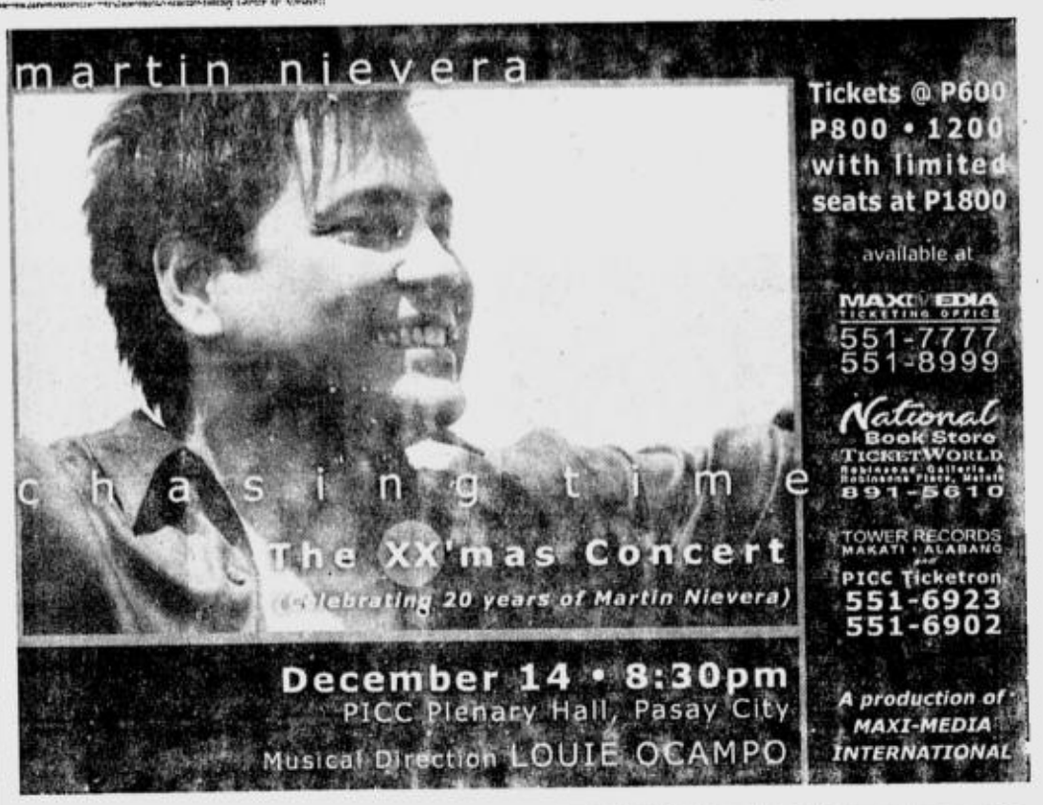
Generally, the El Niño is characterized by the warming of the equatorial Pacific Ocean, causing drought in some parts of the world and flooding in others.

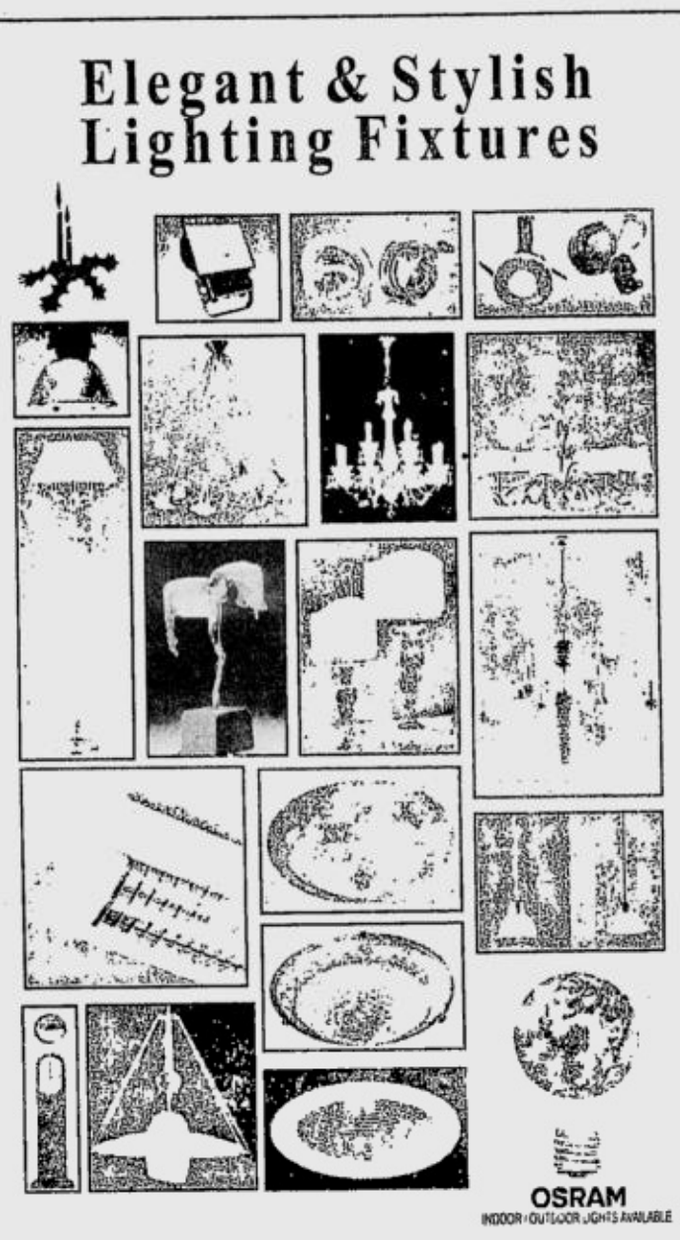
While fewer tropical cyclones are expected to affect the country, severe storms or typhoons should not be discounted, Gonzalez said.

Most models from global prediction centers anticipate that the warmer than normal waters in the tropical Pacific will persist up to early 2003.

But while further warming is possible, conditions are not expected to reach the level of the El Niño event of 1997-98 when sea surface temperature in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific were several degrees above normal.

Pagasa, he said, would continue to monitor day-to-day weather conditions and large-scale climatic patterns affecting the Philippines. It will issue El Niño updates whenever necessary, in collaboration with global climate prediction centers.





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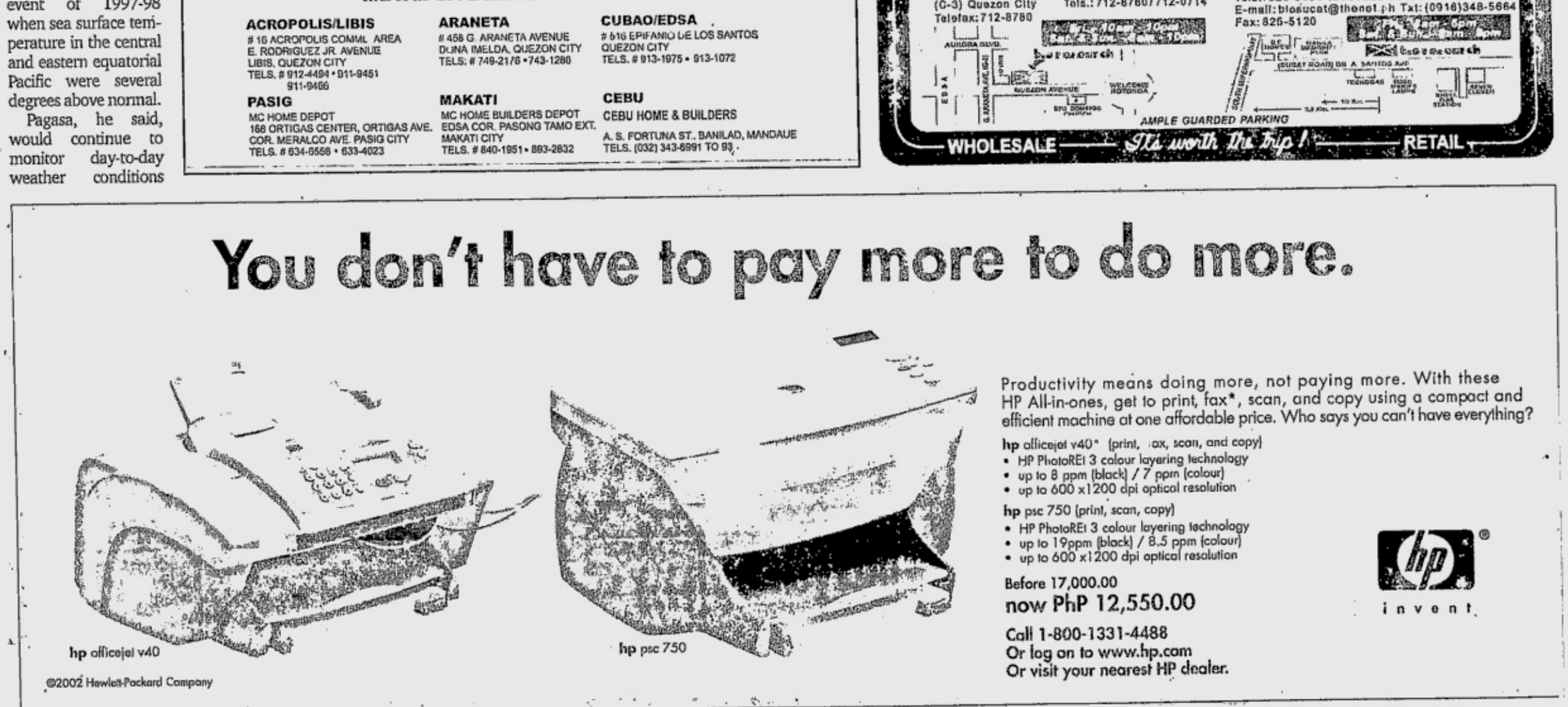

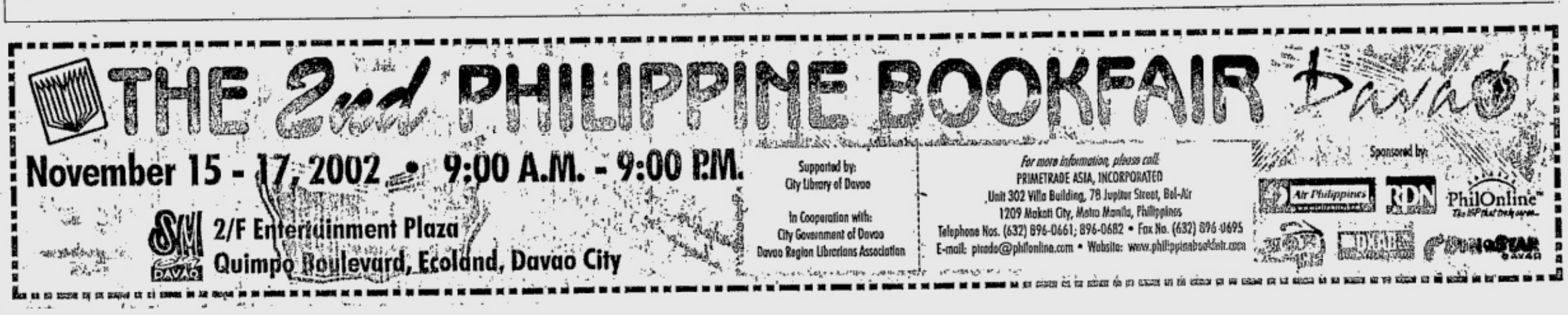

Abu truck bomber captured in Pasay

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chief of staff, said Edris and other Moro bandits received training from two Yemenis in making car bombs using cellular phones and digital clocks at an Abu Sayyaf camp in Basilan last year.

During his interrogation, Edris described the two Yemenis as "VIPs from al-Qaida," a top PNP intelligence official said on condition of anonymity.

In his statement, Caringal said the Abu Sayyaf sent an emissary to seek financial support for terrorist attacks in the Philippines from al-Qaida operatives in Kuala Lumpur in July 2001.

"The al-Qaida operatives agreed to provide financial assistance and technical expertise to the (Abu Sayyaf) provided it shed off its bandit image and focus on conducting attacks against the local and foreign enemies of Islam in the country," the statement said.

More arrests

As the news conference was going on at Villamor Air Base, police arrested at Manila's North Harbor three men and a woman whose belongings yielded grenades and explosives.

Police found two rifle grenades concealed in a crate of bananas and two pipe bombs hidden in a tire during a search.

Police withheld the identifies of the four alleged members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front pending their tactical interrogation. The four boarded the WGA Super Ferry in Cotabato City.

"This group is different from the Abu Sayyaf that is planning to sow terror in Metro Manila. Obviously, it (MILF) also wants to sow terror here. Apparently they had orders from the higher-ups to do this," a top PNP intelligence official said on condition of anonymity.

At the Bureau of Customs, officials also said they had uncovered six container vans of explosive materials abandoned in one of the warehouses.

The vans contained sodium nitrate, sodium sulfide and liquid chemicals—ingredients in making explosives.

Found with the seized cargo were documents bearing the name of Mohammad Ahmad al-Khalifa, a brother-in-law of Osama bin Laden. Both are on the watchlist of foreign terrorists.

Authorities said a Saudi national had suddenly stopped following up the release of the cargo.

Implicated by cohorts

Defensor said Edris was "implicated by his own cohorts" in recent Zamboanga City bombings that killed 12 people, including an American Green Beret, and wounded more than 200 others.

He said five arrested Abu Sayyaf members had tagged Edris as the mastermind in the bombing of the Puericulture Food Court Center on Oct. 28, the Fort Pilar shrine on Oct. 20, and the Shop-O-Rama and Shoppers Plaza on Oct. 17.

Defensor hailed the capture of Edris, saying the suspect had failed to deliver his "Christmas packages."

"We are slowly closing in on the enemy," Defensor said. "We shall not lower our guard until decisive victory has been attained."

He urged the public to cooperate with authorities in going after terrorists. "We don't know how many Edrises have been set loose in our cities," Defensor said. "The timely information we received about this man no doubt saved a hundred or even a thousand livers in Metro Manila."

Edris also allegedly participated in the raid on the Dos Palmas resort in May last year in which the Abu Sayyaf seized three Americans and 17 Filipinos at the start of a yearlong kidnapping spree in which more than 100 people were abducted.

On Wednesday, troops on Basilan clashed with bandits and killed Alegari Asgari, an aide to senior Abu Sayyaf commander Hamsiraji Salih, who is also wanted in connection with the Dos Palmas raid, according to Basilan Army commander Col. Bonifacio Ramos.

The Abu Sayyaf allegedly has links to Bin Laden's al-Qaida network that, in turn, has ties with the Jemaah Islamiah, a Muslim extremist group active in several Southeast Asian countries. The group is suspected of involvement in the Oct. 12 bomb blast in the Indonesian resort island of Bali that claimed almost 200 lives. ***With reports from Martin P. Marfil, Blanche Rivera, AP, AFP and Reuters.***

Defensor first to give courtesy resignation

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mind for his position.

"I can just walk away without any regret. I can paddle my own canoe," Lina told reporters.

He added that the persistent reports of the Cabinet changes have upset the line departments' effectiveness.

He said he is always "privy to what's going on" in the Palace so he knows that the INQUIRER report on the revamp on Nov. 30 is "garbage.'

Lina was irked that some sectors of the media and the public are making judgments on the character of Cabinet officials and their fitness for their positions.

Lina proposed that Congress should enact a law prohibiting Cabinet members from running for public office.

Like Lina, Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor also said there is no such plan since Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo said so himself after the Cabinet meeting last Tuesday.

The INQUIRER report was published last Saturday.

No resignation from Reyes

The President cannot expect a courtesy resignation from Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes. He sees no need for it.

"They can be removed and replaced anytime, without prior notice, without telling them to tender their courtesy resignations. The President has not asked for courtesy resignations from anybody," Reyes said during a press conference.

Like Reyes, Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez sees no need to resign saying he was performing well as validated by recent surveys *(Story on Page A1.)*

Free to organize Cabinet

"This move (of Defensor) is intended to give President Macapagal-Arroyo the leeway to reorganize the Cabinet," a source told the INQUIRER. "This will allow her to appoint those whom she deems fit to be most efficient in government."

A second source said that Defensor and Braganza also heeded the advice of Senate President Franklin Drilon for Cabinet officials to give their courtesy resignations to allow President Macapagal to reorganize her government.

"It's a matter of *delicadeza* because the President should be given enough room to exercise her prerogative," the second source said. "It's the most decent thing to do.

"I hope they can make things easier for the President by just submitting their resignations," Drilon said yesterday.

Survivor series

In the House, Batanes Rep. Florencio "Butch" Abad yesterday said the President should push through with a Cabinet revamp to strengthen her administration.

Abad, president of the Liberal Party whose honorary chair is the President herself, said Ms Macapagal was evidently being very careful about overhauling her official family because it could send a message that the government is weak.

"In the end, a change in the Cabinet, especially if you bring in new faces, is good for the government," Abad added.

House Assistant Minority Leader Abraham Mitra echoed Lina's complaint saying the revamp should be swift and not "drag on like a telenovela."

By making the Cabinet revamp a protracted affair, Cabinet men are made to act like contestants in the popular "Survivor" series, with millions of people watching on who will be voted out next," Mitra state in a statement.

"If they are to be axed, Cabinet members also deserve a quick death, not the killing-me-softly variety,"Mitra added.

'Longest striptease in town'

Sen. Ralph Recto agreed with Mitra's assessment. The President should fire-and-hire Cabinet members without fanfare and suspense, he said.

He lamented that the revamp is now being hyped like a new Harrty Potter movie with lots of teasers and advance publicity.

"The Cabinet rigodon is the longest striptease show in town," Recto noted.

"Just do it, Mrs. President," added Recto.

Leyte Rep. Ted Failon, who belongs to the political opposition, also supported the call for a Cabinet revamp.

"It's about time because time is running out (for the Macapagal administration) to do something about the many pressing problems of our country," Failon said.

Abad said the clamor was for certain Cabinet officials facing allegations of irregularities and those deemed to have poor performance to be replaced.

Abad said a Cabinet revamp is in order because as the Macapagal administration approaches 2004, it is hard pressed to deliver especially next year.

"2003 is a critical year because as you approach 2004, you need performance," Abad said.

He is referring to the President's not-so-secret plan to run for a new term in the 2004 presidential elections.

Abad said the President is now free to choose her own Cabinet because her first one was largely a compromise Cabinet. He said that because the President was swept to power by anti-Estrada forces, she appointed Cabinet officials recommended by her allies.

Dante Ang, too

Dante Ang, recently resigned from all his government posts, also believes that members of the Cabinet should now give the chief executive a free hand to reorganize her official family.

"As a matter of courtesy in other countries, Cabinet men as well as advisers submit their courtesy resignations either at the end or start of the year in order for the President to determine whom he or she will retain," Ang said in a phone interview.

Ang stressed that his position on this matter should not be taken as an indictment of the Cabinet nor be construed as the personal stand of President Macapagal.

"I'm not indicting the Cabinet because officials have performed well," Ang said. "It's just that the people are clamoring for more and the President, being the principal representative of the people, must be freed to heed such call."

"We have to be sensitive to the people, under whose pleasure we all serve. As they say: *tinimbang ka ngunit kulang* (you've measured up but found still wanting)," Ang said. ***With a report from Cynthia Balana***

Alvarez...

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report that he had made an arrangement with the President for him to resign his post once he was confirmed, Alvarez said.

But a well-placed Palace source confirmed to the INQUIRER yesterday that there was such an arrangement to provide Alvarez a graceful exit after he had a rough time getting confirmed.

The Palace source added that Alvarez was not "fulfilling his part of the agreement."

"It's a demolition job that started from day one" of his appointment in March 2001, Alvarez said.

"They tried to do this during my confirmation process, they filed cases against me in the courts, and even smeared my reputation in the media. Now, they are riding on the current issue of a Cabinet revamp," he added.

Alvarez described the news report, which came out only in the INQUIRER, as malicious. *(See story below.)*

Reforms hit vested interests

Alvarez said there had been many interests who were affected by the reforms he had instituted in the DENR, and in the raids and crackdown on the violators of environment laws.

Since Alvarez assumed office, some 353 DENR officials and employees linked to irregularities have either been suspended, charged or relieved of their post, the most prominent of which is Peter Abaya, former chief of the Environment Management Bureau who is now an assistant secretary of the DENR holding office in Malacañang.

Abaya was charged for the alleged over-importation of ozone-depleting substances (ODS).

Alvarez also launched a campaign against illegal logging and illegal importation of chemical substances which involved big businesses.

In October, Alvarez led a raid on the All Transport Network Warehouse of EAC Chemicals Phils. Inc. in Parañaque City and seized some P2.6-million worth of the banned chemical substance Genetron 12 Refrigerants or chlorofluorocarbon-12 (CFC-12).

Only last week, he busted a well-organized nationwide system of the "lucrative illegal timber market" that uses land and sea distribution lanes as he led operatives in raiding a P2.5-million illegal lumber shipment in six container vans at the North Harbor in Manila.

Alvarez said although there had been unrelenting negative news reports against him since last year, principally involving logging firm Picop Resources, Inc. and the Mt. Diwalwal issue, the President had always supported and expressed confidence in his leadership.

GMA's confidence

"I stand by the gains of the good governance rule of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo that we have established at the department. But still, we serve at the pleasure of the President and as a good soldier, I follow whatever is her decision," he said.

During the signing last Wednesday of Republic Act No. 9175 or the Chain Saw Act and Republic Act 9176 or the Free Patent Act in Malacañang, the President appointed Alvarez as NWRB chair. Alvarez was the original author of the Chain Saw Act which he filed during the 11th Congress as an Isabela congressman.

The President issued Executive Order No. 123, transferring the NWRB from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to the Office of the President, with Alvarez as chair.

The NWRB, the government's coordinating and regulating body for all water resources-related development and in charge of setting rates and tariffs of Water Districts, will become a bureau of the DENR.

Approval ratings

A DENR statement cited the last available nationwide survey of Pulse Asia from July 13 to 27, 2002, which showed that the programs of the President on the environment have met approval from the public.

The survey said almost all Filipinos or 98 percent are aware of the DENR's programs, with more than half of the population, or 55 percent, approving its performance, up by 5 percent over the same period last year.

Lifesavers were only trying to lose weight

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fore the crash. "Just earlier a bird dived into the bay and emerged with a fish in its mouth."

But unlike the bird, the twin-engine plane was in distress. And Abrigo and Lukban, who have taken part in rescue operations in their Caloocan City neighborhood, realized that they had such a task at hand.

Immediately they mobilized some 20 other joggers who had witnessed the crash. Some were assigned to phone the police and the Coast Guard while the rest hurried to the rocky shore.

But none of them could get to the crash site, which was about a kilometer off the coast of the reclaimed area in Parañaque City.

"Our knees were shaking as we saw the passengers drowning," Abrigo said. "One climbed on top of the plane, waving a white handkerchief. But we could not do anything at that point. We couldn't get to them."

Shortly, fishermen on board outrigger canoes arrived at the site. Three of them, including a boy about 10 years old, pulled out three women from the murky waters and brought them to where Abrigo and Lukban were waiting.

The two helped the women-Efifania Reyes, Nemia Castillejos and Marane Poncio—into their vehicle, a Toyota Revo, and drove to the nearby San Juan de Dios Hospital.

Abrigo said that during the 15-minute drive, she continuously talked to the women to keep them conscious. "One of them kept asking about the children, those poor children," she said.

At the hospital's emergency room, the couple made sure that the survivors were being cared for before making a quick exit.

The two were involved in past rescue operations when Abrigo was secretary of then Caloocan Rep. Luis "Baby" Asistio and Lukban was photographer of then Mayor Macario "Boy" Asistio.

"Whenever there was a flood, we would be sent to evacuate families and distribute relief goods," Abrigo said. "Our neighbors woke us up in the wee hours for any kind of emergency, whether it was a fire or a woman who was about to have a baby."

Once, the two were driving with the former congressman's convoy in Intramuros when they saw an old man get hit by a motorcycle and land right in front of their vehicle. They were about to rush the bloodied man to a hospital when public works employees took over.

Before Monday's plane crash, Abrigo said no other incident had been more harrowing to them than the explosion of a Manila Electric Co. transformer in Caloocan on July 19, 2000.

The explosion killed 19 people, mostly students of the Caloocan Central Elementary School.

"There was blood everywhere," Abrigo recalled. "Children were burning alive. Their skins were melting. Everyone was wailing. It was horrible."

The two plan to resume jogging today and hopefully achieve their ideal weight before Christmas.

"I'm 140 (pounds) now. I won't stop until I get to 120," Abrigo said.

She also wants to shed the "Good Samaritan" tag that she and her boyfriend earned because of their efforts during the crash.

"We're no heroes," she declared. "Anybody who was in our place would have done the same."

'Twisted', says Alvarez

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Heherson Alvarez presented a transcript of the conversation between President Macapagal-Arroyo and journalists during a Wednesday luncheon at Malacañang, which the DENR public affairs office noted to have been twisted to fit in the speculations attributed to unnamed sources.

The transcript showed this exchange:

Question: What happened to the reported agreement between you and Secretary Alvarez?

President Macapagal-Arroyo (GMA): Oh, who's reporting that? I didn't report that ... hahaha ... I will not answer any such question that is not I mean something reported. (sic)

Q: (It) came out in the papers.

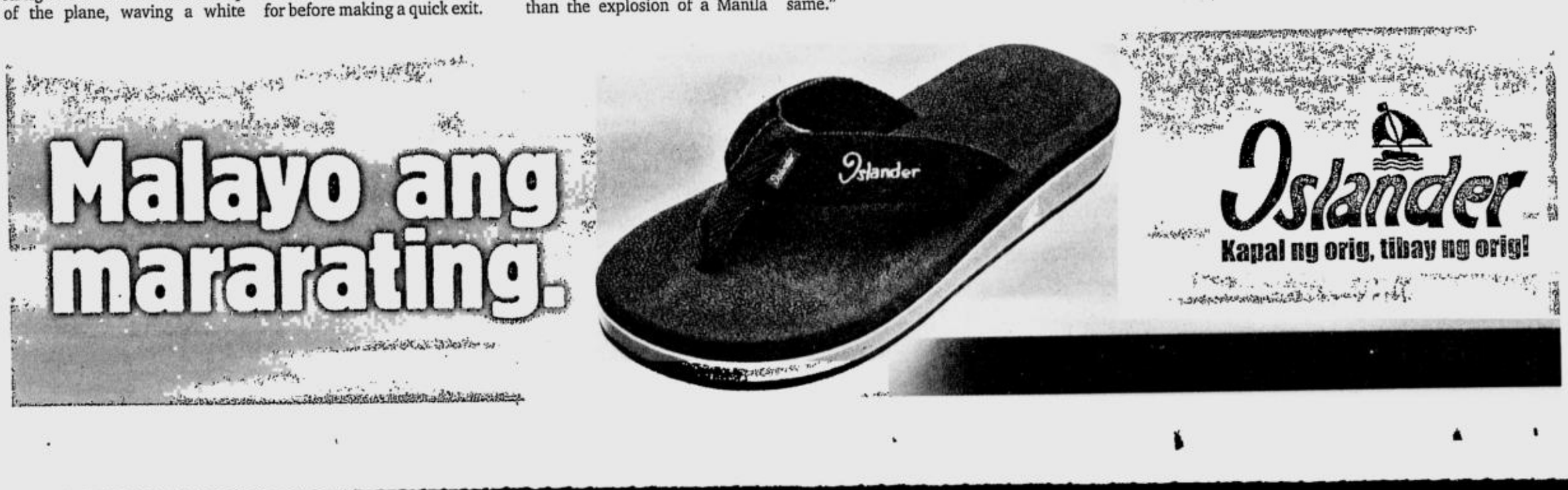
GMA: Sure it came out in the papers. *Sino naman ang naglagay? Kayo rin.*

Q: NPC (Nationalist Peoples Coalition) Congressman Harry Angping confirmed (the) agreement.

GMA: Well, I never talked to Harry Angping. Did I? I don't recall.

Q: He's not stepping down?

GMA: I am not saying that he's not stepping down. I'm not saying that because as I said, I continue to review and it's not related to any date and if ever anything has to be done, we'll try to look for the best circumstances under which it should be done.



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BASKETBALL: NBA - San Antonio Spurs vs Philadelphia 76ers, 8:30 a.m. (r - 11:30 p.m.), Star Sports, Orlando Magic vs LA Clippers, 11 a.m., Solar Sports
NBA Inside Stuff, 11 p.m., Star Sports
TENNIS: Masters Cup (Shanghai), 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (r), 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Star Sports

Viva to pay PBA debts through ads

By June Navarro

PBA Chair Francisco "Butch" Alejo yesterday said Viva-Vintage would not strain its relationship with the team owners by running away from its debts.

ALEJO

"You have to understand that the teams in the PBA are also the clients of Viva because the teams compose some of its biggest advertisers," said Alejo. "I don't think Viva would break its good relationship with the teams."

Alejo said the PBA board has already restructured Viva's arrears amounting to more than a P100 million, giving the television outfit more elbow room to comply on its commitment.

According to Alejo, part of Viva's obligation will be paid through television spots on some of its primetime programs while the rest will be covered by a financial scheme commensurate to the paying capability of Viva.

"Obviously, Viva is feeling the pinch of the economic crisis that hit the region. But to tell you honestly, we were never issued a bouncing check. All the checks that Viva issued were good checks," added Alejo.

The PBA board has drawn a schedule of payment for Viva-Vintage to comply with until 2004. The payment scheme is based on the restructured payment plan the board approved during the middle part of the year.

"I'm hopeful that there will be no problems. The owners of Viva-Vintage promised that they would come across the payment no matter what," said Alejo.

Thunder seek playoff spot

RUDY Hatfield of Coca-Cola (left) dribbles away from Dindo Pumaren of Fedex during the PBA game Wednesday night at Philsports. The Tigers won, 75-8[illegible].

STANDINGS

Red Bull	4	0
Coca-Cola	4	1
Purefoods	3	2
Ginebra	2	2
Talk N Text	2	2
San Miguel	2	2
Sta. Lucia	2	2
Alaska	2	3
Shell	1	3
FedEx	0	5

GAMES TODAY
(*Ynares Center*)
5:30 p.m.– Talk N Text vs Red Bull
7:30 p.m.– Ginebra vs Shell

By June Navarro

AN AUTOMATIC playoff spot is at stake for Batang Red Bull when it shoots for a fifth straight win against Talk N Text today in the Selecta-PBA All Filipino Cup at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City.

Champions in the Commissioner's Cup, the Thunder will renew their rivalry against the Phone Pals, whom they defeated in Game 7 of the Finals last conference.

The Thunder-Phone Pals' rematch takes centerstage before Shell (1-3) and Barangay Ginebra (2-2) collide in the 7:30 p.m. mainer.

While both squads are coming from marginal victories, the Thunder possess a more solid lineup built around Davonn Harp, Mick Pennisi, Willie Miller, Junthy Valenzuela, and Nelson Asaytono.

Asaytono's turnaround jumper in the dying seconds lifted the Thunder to a heart-stopping 75-74 overtime win over fierce rival San Miguel Beer as they remain unbeaten after four games.

John O, Montaña hurdle PBL opponents

By Dennis U. Eroa

BONG Salvador and Mark Macapagal burned the hoop as John O arrested a two-game skid with a 71-63 win over Dazz yesterday in the PBL Challenge Cup at the Makati Coliseum.

Salvador, whose rugged looks and cool demeanor earned him the title Mr. PBL, buried two triples, while Macapagal added one as John O took a 69-63 lead, 33 seconds remaining.

The victory was a fitting start for Dong Vergeire as new John O head coach. Vergeire, a former national mentor and coach of the St. Benilde Blazers, replaced Manny Dandan after John O lost its first two games this conference.

John O got off to a blistering start against Dazz, 29-14, but needed the hot hands of Macapagal and Salvador to emerge on top.

Later, Egay Echavez scored a triple with .5 tick remaining as Montaña beat Blu All-Purpose, 65-62, for its second win in three games.

Scores:

JOHN O 71–Macapagal 17, De Ocampo 13, Calimag 12, Salvador 10, Cruz 10, Cole 4, Olaguer 2, Cayabyab , Bat-og 1, Ferrer 0, Vergara 0, Napa 0, Neo 0.

DAZZ 63–Salangsang 14, Simon 9, Catli 9, Gelig 7, Saquilayan 5, Dualan 4, Tan 4, Bagulo 4, Jones 3, Mercado 2, Dy 0, Natividad 0.

Quarters: 21-8, 33-26, 52-47, 71-63.

3 referees suspended

PBA Commissioner Jun Bernardino yesterday suspended referees Franco Ilagan, Joey Calungcaguin and Renato Guevarra for two games for mishandling the FedEx-Alaska game last Nov. 8 at the Cuneta Astrodome.

FedEx Express team manager Lito Alvarez had initially planned to put the game under protest as the referees failed to penalize Alaska coach Tim Come for storming the court twice in the dying seconds of the game.

November Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2	Sunday 3
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Pagunsans storm to 2-shot lead with 71

-BY-

SILANG, Cavite—Juanito Pagunsan and Juvic Pagunsan shot an eagle yesterday on their way to a 1-under-par 71 to grab the lead in the U-Bix Riviera National Pro-Am here.

Juvic, the SEA Games gold medalist last year in Kuala Lumpur, eagled the par-5 7th as he and his father Juanito fired only the second sub-par round at Couples in two days.

They birdied six holes, including 17 and 18, for nines of 36-35.

Adding their 76, the Pagunsans start today holding a 2-stroke lead over first-day leader Eddie Bagtas and Kim Chunghoi in the series that stakes P1 million through U-Bix Corporation's Bert Bravo.

A Toyota Altis 1.8 is at stake at No. 6 in the one-ball, twosome event.

The 46-year-old Bagtas and his 16-year-old Korean student skied to a 79 after a 70 to stay at second, 1 stroke up on Marlon Dizon and Bones Floro (74-76).

Tied at 151 were Ruel Banares and Erik Escalona (77-74), Armando Eso and Amado Eso (75-76) and Vince Lauron and Paul Salvador (75-76).

"My pro is very good," joked Juanito of his son, Juvic the amateur, in Filipino. "His shots were virtually flawless today. I hope I can cope up with him in the next two days so that last year's collapse will not be repeated."

The Pagunsans were in the thick of the fight going to the 18th and last hole last year when they hit the ravine guarding the green to lose the crown to Noli Kempis and Erwin Vinluan.

Kempis and Vinluan were at 154 after a 78 in a tie with Al Cruz-Butch Bakunawa (80-74), Rodolfo Cuello-JV Tecson (78-76), Randy Garalde-Jong Laput (79-75) and Caloy Nival-Jun Bernis (81-73).

A cut-off will be made after today's round in the series sponsored by U-Bix Corporation, Konica, Caffe Appassionato, San Miguel Corporation, Pagcor, Grappa's, Mizuno, Citgo, DHL-WWW Express, Philippine Sports Commission and Rowell Group.

Raul Miñoza and younger brother Paul combined for a 74 to go with their opening day effort of 78 to find themselves all alone in seventh place at 152.

Angelo Que recovered somewhat with his partner Shean Bedi as they shot a 76 to be alone at 155.

The Top 30 plus ties after today's round will advance in the hunt for the top prize of P138,200. *Al S. Mendoza*

Other scores:

156–R. Cabajar-F. Baligasa 79-77, C. La'O-F. delos Santos 80-76, E. Olaybar-J. Binag 83-73.

157–R. Abaring-J. Gironella 78-79, J. Casas-B. Zaragosa 81-76, D. Cruz-M. Camitoc 77-80, D. Saclot-J. Delarlarte 78-79.

DAN Cruz jubilates with his 12-year-old student, Mikee Camitoc, after sinking a birdie. They are at 157 (77-80). JESS YUSON

Architects put 4 cups in 1 hole

HERE is a novel way to make a hole-in-one feat made easy—increase the holes in one green.

Organizers are offering this chance once again when the 11th Architects Golf Classic unfolds at Sta. Elena on Monday.

The idea, placing four cups on all par 3s, with each hole given a corresponding prize, was introduced in 2000, the same year that a hole-in-one feat materialized in the annual event's history.

It earned for Eugene Villanueva a brand new Mitsubishi Lancer.

This year, a Chevy Venture 2002 10-seater van is in store for an ace feat on holes 7, 17 and 21, sponsored by GM Autoworld Makati and Delta Faucet Company. Also offered on all par 3s of the 27-hole course are a trip to Bangkok sponsored by Futura Window Decor Products; trip to Hong Kong sponsored by Maramax Lighthouse; a BMG Solar Hot Water System from BMG Solar of Gopez Corporation; and a Mizuno golf set from Master Sports, also a division of Gopez Corporation.

Boysen Paints is the event's major sponsor.

Chua scores runaway win

AFTER leaving the field just vying for second place with her career-best effort a day earlier, Heidi Chua's worst score in three rounds of two-over-par 74 still made her the runaway winner of the inaugural Manila Ladies Open yesterday.

Chua, showing why she's the reigning national champion, was on a relaxed mode all day, even padding her lead to as high as nine after the front nine before settling for a six-point margin over world amateur teammate Aileen Yao.

Her long training abroad paying off anew, Chua amassed 165 points under the Molave system of scoring or three-under-par for 54 holes at the west course of the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club which she calls home.

Yao, the 2000 national titlist, herself left the rest hoping for third place with a performance worth a runner-up finish, finishing five strokes ahead of first day leader Lora Roberto with her 159 total.

Roberto wound up at 154, one ahead of Carmelette Villaroman with jungolf star Jayvie Agojo placing fifth at 152.

Rounding out the standings were Tracy Locsin (151), Divina Delasin (149), Ia Bakunawa (146), Lucy Landicho (142), Matet Salivio (135), Stephanie Yu (133) and Remijin Camping (128).

Pugad Lawin charity golf at Tagaytay Midlands on

PUGAD Lawin sa Northview, a chapter of Pugad Lawin Philippines, Inc. based in Batasan Hills, Quezon City, will hold its 5th PLN Invitational Golf Tournament today at Tagaytay Midlands in Tagaytay City.

Principally backed by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, the golfest will raise funds in support of PLN's numerous socio-civic projects and is co-presented by major event sponsors Philippine Phosphate Fertilizer Corp., Dow Chemicals Philippines, Inc. and Quest Broadcasting, Inc.

Also lending their support are hole sponsors I & E Industries Systems, Inc., Overseas Projects Corp., Victoria Ltd.-Australia, Key Largo Industrial Sales, C.S. Trinidad, Jolliman, Fanm Enterprises, VMP-DFP Law Office, PFM Freight Services, Kodak Express, ECKA Ventures, Carmelray JCTI Corp., JV Angeles Construction, DM Consunji, Inc. and Communications and Information Systems Corp.

PLN President, lawyer Jose T. Malang said the proceeds of the tournament will be used to fund the PLN's regular medical and dental missions, as well as the group's scholarship and livelihood programs.

"Part of the tournament proceeds will be used to set-up a trust fund to initiate a College Sponsorship Program," Malang said.

PLN will also conduct a medical and dental mission tomorrow in partnership with the PCSO in Barangay Batasan Hills, one of the depressed communities in Quezon City.

The 5th PLN Invitational Golf Tournament will be preceded by a short ceremony at the Tagaytay Midlands Clubhouse and promptly commence with a shotgun start at 7 a.m.

Lakers absorb '4-peat'

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Lakers already have achieved a four-peat.

It's not the one they want.

With Shaquille O'Neal watching from the bench again, the three-time defending NBA champions had another horrid shooting performance Tuesday night in losing to the Atlanta Hawks 95-83 for their fourth straight loss—their longest losing streak in 7 1/2 years.

"It can't get any worse for us," O'Neal said before Tuesday night's game.

Meanwhile, in Cleveland, Dirk Nowitzki scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as Dallas remained the NBA's only unbeaten team, improving to 8-0 with a 103-99 victory Wednesday over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

COMPLETE RESULTS

Boston 91, Philadelphia 81; New Jersey 91, San Antonio 82; Dallas 103, Cleveland 99; Milwaukee 108, Chicago 101; New Orleans 102, Minnesota 98; Phoenix 75, Denver 72; Sacramento 104, Golden State 93

Coke football set

TARLAC CITY—Ten teams will see action in the first ever Tarlac Coke Go-for-Goal under-16 football tournament which kicks off at 8 a.m. today at the Plaza Luisita Center field here. The entries are Maliwalo High, Central Azucarera de Tarlac High, Tarlac State University Laboratory School, Montessori High, Don Bosco Technical Institute, Osias Colleges, San Manuel High, Tarlac National High, Sta. Ines High and San Vicente High. City Mayor Genaro Mendoza will be guest of honor during the opening ceremony. Jojo Rodriguez, Philippine Football Federation project director, will also grace the opening rites.

Be my lady

AND when the dust of sports angling battle settled, the year's top angler turned out to be a lady.

Going into the final competition for the year, at the bass fishing tournament in Lumot Lake in Laguna, it was still veteran Rico Gueco enjoying a slim lead over the other veterans for the year's top PGFF honors.

COMMENTARY
Vic Vic Villavicencio

Just a little bit of luck, even just a third place finish, and Rico could still win the year's race. A win by someone not in the immediate circle of leaders would also have made the day for the angling PAL steward.

But they did not reckon with the fishing savvy of the year's Heavy Tackle Angler whose points put her up there with the heavyweight men fishers. Lo and behold, Mayenn Ordoveza, with teammate Boy Bolos, turned in an event two dozen bass with an aggregate weight of 13.454 kg. When the points were added up, it was clear that the lady had outfished them all—to become the PGFF's Angler of the Year for 2002!

The boys were sporting enough to cheer for Mayenn who, obviously had been seriously after the title, indicated by her reaction: "I made it. I made it. I made it!"

So, you see, the fishing sport is not a field exclusively for men. Talk of lady anglers always brings to mind names like Pat Osias, Rosie Valencia, Tina Bernasconi . . .

Rico Gueco consoles himself with the Light Tackle Angler of the Year title, even as Mayenn also holds the year's Heavy Tackle Angler of the Year Honors.

The PGIF has scheduled the awards ceremonies on Dec. 17.

PBA stars, other cage icons are adidas treat at Glorietta today

A THREE-DAY Power Play featuring adidas' sports heroes and a big sale will be unleashed today at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City, ending on Nov. 17.

A three-point shootout, a free-throw shooting competition and a slam dunk contest await fans.

The games are open to the public where great prizes of adidas products will be awarded to the winners.

The event's big day, though, will be tomorrow and on Sunday, starting at 3 pm, when college basketball's finest players and adidas athletes Enrico Villanueva, Wesley Gonzales and Doug Kramer of 2002 UAAP champion team Ateneo Blue Eagles, Christian Luanzon and Cyrus Baguio of the Growling UST Tigers and PBL's Peter Simon take part in the Streetball popularized by adidas.

The event will feature a grand sale offering as high as 70 percent discount on adidas, Salomon and Taylor-Made products.

All items, according to officials of the branded product, come at various fashions at very affordable prices.

Also up-for-grabs are Salomon shoes and outdoor gear and Taylor-Made golf items.

WNCAA cheerleading competition frontrunners Miriam College, St. Benedict's College and St. Scholastica's College will likewise be present to render their award-winning forms.

The PBA's top cagers and adidas endorsers Danny Ildefonso and Dondon Hontiveros of San Miguel Beer, Rey Evangelista and Roger Yap of Purefoods, Gherome Ejercito and Gerard Francisco of Sta. Lucia Realty and Vergel Meneses and Ren-Ren Ritualo of Fed-Ex will also be on-hand for autograph-signing sessions.

Joining them will be the country's best tennis players Johnny Arcilla, Irwin De Guzman, Kyle Dandan, Christian Canlas, Berry Sepulveda and Jessica Agra. The three-day extravaganza is adidas' early Christmas present to patrons who have made the brand a part of their lifestyle.

Adidas Power Play interactive side events will be played to perk up the virtual weekend holiday.

At 8 pm, the MTV Becoming Party unfolds, to be hosted by pretty video jock Anna Shier.

The True Faith will provide music.

JAPANESE HOPE
Second seed Kumiko Iljima of Japan gets set to hit a forehand en route to beating Uzbekistan's Ivanna Israilova, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, yesterday in the Union Cement ITF Philippine Women's Circuit 2 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center. But Hong Kong's Lam Po-Kuen broke the hearts of Filipinos when she bundled out lone RP bet Patricia Santos, 7-5, 6-1, in the event supported by ITF Grand Slam Development Fund, Wilson Balls, Manila Midtown and the Philippine Sports Commission. ERIK ARAZAS

Arcilla, 4 bets to main draw

By Marc Anthony Reyes

JOSEPH Arcilla displayed the form that made him an age-group champion for years in crushing Roderick Lazaro, 8-0, yesterday to tag along four others who barged into the main draw of the PCA Open men's singles at the Philippine Columbian Association courts.

The 18-year-old brother of Philippine top netter Johnny Arcilla thrived on the torrid midday sun, firing winners one after another on the parched open-air shell courts.

Arcilla, whose credentials include age-group titles in the PCA and Palarong Pambansa netfests, is an incoming freshman at Letran.

"It's okay, I'm already in the main draw," said the 5-foot-8 Arcilla, who will face the country's Top 10 players, including Johnny, in the tournament proper which begins tomorrow.

Joining Arcilla in the main draw were Garizaldy Caabay, Jandrick de Castro, Menandro Econg and Dindo Almeda. The three others were still being determined by the matches slated late yesterday.

Caabay survived the scare posed by Edu Manzano before taking an 8-7 (7-2) victory, while De Castro won over Jovan Divinagracia, 8-6.

Econg had an easy time disposing of Ronaldo Milan, 8-0, while Dindo Almeda bested Jerry Nicol, 8-5, to make the men's singles round of 32.

The day's most exciting match belonged to Caabay who was pestered by Manzano no end before getting a little help from the sunlight glare in the tiebreak.

Caabay had the fortune of being on the shaded half of the court at tiebreak and used that advantage to build a quick 6-2 lead and eventually tire out Manzano who had to endure sweltering heat in the first six games of the tiebreak.

The men's singles champion will get P80,000, while runner-up runs away with P40,000. Women's singles champ receives P30,000, men's doubles winner P18,000, while women's doubles titlist P8,000.

The tourney is sponsored by Dunlop, Accel, Chowking, Photokina, PBCom, San Miguel, Coca Cola, PVL Restaurant, Little Lawrencem Toby's, Copacabana and Trans Asia Power.

Shanghai upsets

SHANGHAI, China—Andre Agassi, Lleyton Hewitt and Marat Safin were upset Wenedsday in the Tennis Masters Cup. But they have chances to bounce back because the format is a round-robin affair. AP

Pinoys battle foes from 6 nations

TOP Filipino duathletes will battle foreign challengers as the second Asian Duathlon Championship (10 km run–40 km bike–5 km run) fires off on Nov. 17, 6 a.m. at the Subic Bay Freeport, Zambales.

National champion George Vilog, along with fast rising duathlete Ryan Mendoza, RP Junior Sprint triathlon champion Francis Mercado and Singapore triathlon bronze medalist Mark Candelaria, will lead the local front against bets from from Hong Kong, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Japan, China and Singapore.

National women's triathlon champion Ani de Leon will lead the distaff side along with Popo Nagtalon, Sandra Araullo and Busan Games veteran Maritess Bitbit.

Close to 300 participants, including 30 foreign entries, will be joining the annual continental event sponsored by the Philippine Sports Commission, Philippine Olympic Committee, Speedo, Nestle Power Bar, Informatics Holding Phils, Reliv Philippines, 105.1 FM Crossover, Enervon, Gerry's Grill and Subic International Hotel.

Pasay City cockpit stakes ₱3M

GAMEFOWL breeders from Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan, Batangas and Pampanga are coming in full force to challenge Metro Manila cockers in tonight's 4-cock derby at Pasay City Cockpit Exclusive sponsors are Sagupaan Complexor 3000 and Sagupaan Mite Free.

Up for grabs in this event to be hosted by JR Pasay Group is a cash prize of P300,000 while entry fee is P10,000.

"Derby aficionados can expect at least 50 non-stop fights. With bigger prizes at stake, the roosters to be fielded are definitely top class," said pit managers Oscar Gonzales, Eric dela Rosa and Butchoy Olano.

Next Friday, Nov. 22, another 4-cocker is slated with the Exnider Team as host.

Meanwhile, a guaranteed pot of P1 million is dangled in the annual "Pasko na sa Pasay 4-Cock Derby" on Dec. 13 and 14, with dela Rosa as host. Entry fee is P11,000.

A total of 80 participants joined last year (equivalent to 160 fights) that's why the PCC management decided to make it a two-day affair this time.

For other inquiries, please contact 843-1890, 843-1746 and 816-6750.

SPORTSWATCH

Spring-Lhuillier clash for CBL title

CEBU CITY—M. Lhuillier and Spring Cooking Oil renew their rivalry tonight when they dispute the CBL Cebu Basketball League Invitational Cup crown at the Cebu Coliseum here. The Jewellers and the Cooking Oil masters clash at 6 p.m. after the third-place match between ML Kwarta Padala and University of the Visayas at 4 p.m. It will be the third championship meeting between the Cooking Oil masters and the Jewellers. They split their first two encounters, Spring winning the Interclub crown and Lhuillier prevailing in the CBL President's Cup. The Jewellers tripped the Cooking Oil Masters, 86-74, Wednesday in a no-bearing game which either team didn't want to win. It was clear the two finalists just tried to size each other up. Despite the loss, coach Tito Palma is confident that Spring would get back at Lhuillier tonight, mainly through MVP contender Rodel Manuel, Braulio Lim, Dave Bautista, Mar Reyes, Lito Saygo, Wowie Ybanez and Mike Buendia. The Jewellers will bank on Jerry Jaca, Aldrich Reyes, Woodrow Enriquez, Genesis Sasuman, Aldrin Ocanada and Daryl Smith.

Zambo cockpit operators inducted tonight

ZAMBOANGA CITY--Officers of the newly-formed Zamboanga City Cockpit Operators Association will be inducted tonight at the Garden Orchid Hotel with Rep. Celso Lobregat as inducting officer and Mayor Maria Clara L. Lobregat as guest speaker. Also invited to speak is former Roligon Mega Cockpit general manager Rolando S. Luzong, who is currently operating the new Pililla Cockpit in Rizal province. Luzong will talk about cockpit management and the importance of the cockpit operators' association in the country. Sponsors Thunderbird and Univet will also launch during the occasion the Bexan XP led by Dr. Rodner Tuquib and assisted by Dr. Jun Valentin and Dr. Renan de la Cruz. Zamboanga City has a total of 12 cockpits within its boundaries.

Go TK attends Monaco World Athletics

PHILIPPINE Amateur Track and Field Association president Go Teng Kok is set to fly to Monte Carlo today to represent Asia in the World Athletics Gala to be hosted by Prince Albert of Monaco to honor the Athlete of the Year who will be chosen from the world's Top 20 athletes. Go is one of two representatives from Asia invited in the prestigious annual gathering of the ``creme de la creme'' of world track and field. The Patafa boss will also gather support from the delegates to press for the inclusion of marathon in the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games next year.

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Race 3--1. Super Cool 2. Imperial Seal 3. Twin Brother 4. Uncle Buck 5. Lance
Race 4--1. Suonos 2. Desert Dob 3. Southsea 4. Honour Graduate
Race 5--1. Terribly One 2. Are You Happy 3. Windlass 4. Schwarzenegger 5. Prickly Heat
Race 6--1. Pep Up 2. Lady Darinda 3. Headliner
Race 7--1. Bulakena 2. Maralex 3. Virgin Atlantic 4. Brainchild 5. Fortius
Race 8--1. Maginoo's Pride 2. Shape of the Wind 3. Fine Offer 4. High Typhoon 5. Brenda Starr
Race 9--1. Mystika 2. Night Flight 3. Silver Dollar 4. Simply Great 5 Swinger
Race 10--1. The Dominator 2. Holy King 3 Winning Post 4. Pampanga Queen 5. Morning Glory 6. Hezagnebabes

Cyclists: POC, PSC must intervene now

THE COUNTRY'S national cyclists want both the Philippine Olympic Committee and the Philippine Sports Commission to come to their rescue.

This came about after Lito Atilano was suspended by his coach for joining the Air21 qualifying races on Sunday in Pililia, Rizal.

Atilano, who topped the event, was axed by coach Jumel Lorenzo, the man tasked by the POC and PSC to oversee the training of the country's pool of cyclists.

The cyclists want to join the Air21 Tour ng Pilipinas next year but could not for fear of suffering the fate that had befallen Atilano.

The cyclists have no mother association as a result of the unresolved leadership conflict between the Philippine Amateur Cycling Association and the Philippine Cycling Federation.

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Militant youths protest Manila curfew

By Jerome Aning

MEMBERS of the militant youth group Anakbayan yesterday staged a brief picket in front of Manila City Hall to protest the implementation of the curfew for minors in the capital.

The group denounced the curfew, which began last night, as a violation of their civil liberty and a prelude to martial law.

Anakbayan-High School chair Vencer Crisostomo said the curfew will create an atmosphere of terror in the neighborhoods.

"Does the government want to have a generation of youths which act only in fear and not because they can make intelligent and responsible decisions?" he asked.

Crisostomo said the funds that would be spent in enforcing the curfew would be better used in improving education and social services for Manila children, especially the homeless.

He said that children in Manila are as exposed to danger even during the day when there is no curfew. He added that there is also no assurance that the children would be safe in their homes at night when most crimes are committed.

Anakabayan also aired its concerns about the provisions on detaining for up to three hours youths rounded up for violating the curfew.

Crisostomo said the curfew ordinance contained no provisions "to prevent abuses and rights violations that barangay watchmen and policemen are very known to commit when making arrests."

ATIENZA

The author of the ordinance, 6th district Councilor Julio Logarta Jr., allayed the fears of the protesters and said the curfew is for their own good.

"The City Council will keenly observe how the curfew would be implemented," he told the INQUIRER. "We are ready to amend the curfew procedures to remedy any loophole we see."

Logarta added that Manila's curfew law is the "most lenient" in the metropolis because it provides for exemptions, and that first-and second-time offenses are only punished with reprimands.

He said that youths caught violating the curfew on the third and subsequent times may only be charged in court if a majority of the members of the Sangguniang Barangay resolves to do so.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza said City Hall only wants to help parents to bring up their sons and daughters properly and protect them from criminal elements.

Atienza said the curfew would prevent drug syndicates in employing as couriers.

Violent clashes between youth fraternities that often take place at nighttime would also be prevented, he said.

Under the curfew ordinance, youths aged 17 and below are banned from the streets from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. the next day. Weekdays and holidays are included in the ban.

Barangay authorities and the police will enforce the curfew.

'Game ka na?' rapist asks his victim, 15

By Philip Tubeza

"GAME *ka na*?"

After asking this question, a 57-year-old man raped his 15-year-old niece last Oct. 29 in their house in Sta. Ana, Manila, police said.

The girl's abuse began when she was only 8, and the rapes began when she turned 13, the victim told PO3 Dolores Villegas of the Western Police District-Women's and Children's Desk.

The girl said her uncle, who is now in police custody and is facing charges of acts of lasciviousness and rape, had raped her at least twice a month.

"He would pinch me and then kiss my private parts," the girl said.

She said she did not tell anybody of the abuse because her uncle had threatened to get back at her by throwing her and her family out of the house. She said her uncle raped her whenever they were alone in the house, adding that her parents were usually out at work.

On Oct. 29, the girl came home drunk after attending her friend's birthday party, the victim said. She said her uncle forced her into his room and raped her. She said that she was too drunk to resist him, but she vowed to report the rape to police this time. The girl then reported the rapes to police, saying in Filipino that she was sickened by what he was doing to her and that she felt filthy because of it.

Police arrested the alleged rapist after the victim filed her complaint at the WPD headquarters.

Police said the victim is now under the care of the Department of Social Welfare and Development office in Manila.

BABES BY THE POOL
Miriam Chui, 21, of the Philippines, and Ksenia Volokova, 20, of Russia, pose at the poolside of the Philippine Plaza Hotel. The two will vie for the title Miss Asia-Pacific Quest 2002.

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Dads go after officials behind land title scam

By Tina Santos

CALOOCAN City council members yesterday said they will file charges against government officials who are illegally transferring real property titles in the city.

Councilor Benedicto Gonzales, the council's majority floor leader, yesterday revealed that he and other council members are set to file a resolution that will call for an investigation of the alleged anomalies involving city officials.

"The city government is losing taxes because of the irregular transfer of titles of several pieces of real property," Gonzales said in a statement. "This practice must stop."

Gonzales said he has received a report from the City Assessor's Office asking for the city council's help to stop the practice of some property owners who connive with officials of government agencies, particularly the Registry of Deeds and the Bureau of Internal Revenue, to transfer ownership of land titles.

Gonzales added that real property owners will also be penalized if it would be proven that they conspired with government officials.

The alderman said the practice is a clear violation of Article 299 and 300 of the Local Government Code, which states that both the property owner and the Registry of Deeds shall notify the city assessor of the transfer of real property ownership.

The LGC also states that in addition to the notice of transfer, the previous property owner shall likewise surrender to the city assessor concerned, the tax declaration covering the subject property in order that the same may be cancelled from the assessment record of the local government unit, Gonzales said.

He said that based on the LGC, before any document of transfer of real property may be registered, the Registry of Deeds shall first require the presentation of a certificate of clearance issued by the city treasurer clearly stating that all their obligations have been paid in full, including interests or penalties.

Gonzales said the officials or representatives of the government agencies concerned will be given the chance to explain.

Pacific tenors, sopranos perform at the Manila Hotel

"THREE Pacific Tenors and Two Sopranos," a program of operatic music, will be staged at 7 tonight at the Centennial Hall of the Manila Hotel.

Tenors Chin Yong of Malaysia, Agim Hushi of Australia and Leow Siak Fah of Singapore, and sopranos Rachelle Gerodias and Stella Cristobal Arenas of the Philippines, will perform in a dinner-concert produced by the Lyric Opera Foundation of the Philippines and the Singapore Lyric Opera.

Proceeds will be used for the benefit of streetchildren and out-of-school youth and the anti-drug efforts of the Citizens Drug Watch Foundation.

In a message, President Macapagal-Arroyo hailed the concert as a production that will uplift the people aesthetically and spiritually.

Napolcom official in hot water for going to school

By Leila B. Salaverria

NATIONAL Police Commission Vice Chair Rogelio Pureza has questioned a commissioner's decision to enroll in school even while she is serving her term at the Napolcom, fearing that the official's studies would adversely affect her job.

In a letter to Civil Service Commission Chair Karina David, Pureza asked for a legal opinion on whether a presidential appointee taking up a Masteral Degree program should be allowed to perform official duties in government.

"Will the period of a fixed term appointment not be prejudiced by the regular schooling of an appointee during the term of the appointment?" Pureza asked in the letter.

He also asked whether the official in question should be considered on leave throughout her enrollment.

Pureza was referring to Commissioner Linda Malenab-Hornilla, who is taking up classes at the National Defense College of the Philippines.

He has also said in a memorandum to Hornilla that while he would refer the issue over her enrollment in school to the proper forum, Hornilla's status at the Napolcom is far from ideal.

"The ideal set up in government (is) to accept only as executives those who are already prepared to assume positions of responsibility," Pureza said. "This government should not be a training ground, rather, it must be the battlefield for governance."

The Napolcom Vice Chair also said government officials should devote all their time to their work, noting that Hornilla is the first incumbent commissioner to enroll while serving her term.

"One hundred percent attention, time and dedication to service must be the first, last and only consideration in public service," Pureza said.

Woman, cop take on cell phone thieves

By Leila Salaverria and Philip Tubeza

A WOMAN and an off-duty policeman took on a pair of cell phone thieves, which resulted in the death of one culprit and the capture of the other, in separate incidents on Wednesday.

In Makati City, ex-cop Elias Villon turned from a law enforcer into a lawbreaker when he tried to steal the cellular phone of a woman passenger inside a bus.

Villon, 50, used to be a member of the police force in Canlubang, Laguna, according to PO2 Alexander Devalid.

The suspect was dropped from the service after he was marked absent without leave, Devalid said.

At around 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Villon pointed a .38-caliber gun at Eleanor D. Carriedo, 32, and asked for her 3310 cell phone, while they were both inside a Pasay-bound bus on Ayala Avenue corner Herrera Street, police said.

When Carriedo refused, Villon hit her hand with the butt of the gun. Carriedo told police that she thought Villon's gun was just a toy because the gun felt soft.

Because Carriedo would not let go of her cell phone, Villon got out of the bus without taking anything and transferred to another bus.

But a concerned citizen had already informed the authorities about the incident, and responding policemen were able to catch the suspect.

Police seized Villon's gun, live ammunition and his PNP ID.

In Manila, vendor Rodolfo T. Versoza, 33, made the fatal mistake of snatching the expensive cellular phone of a policeman in front of the Philippine General Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

PO2 Alejandro Diamse, of the Western Police District General Assignment Section, ran after the fleeing cell phone thief. On Padre Faura street, Versoza turned and stabbed the policeman. But the lawman fought back, took out his 9-mm pistol and shot him dead, police said.

Diamse is now at the PGH recovering from a stab wound in his abdomen, according to Detective Athos De Quiros of the WPD homicide section.

The vendor allegedly took Diamse's Nokia cell phone, worth P15,000, De Quiros said.

Versoza, who died at the PGH, had several "Batang City Jail" tattoos in different parts of his body, De Quiros added.

He said the incident happened at around 5 p.m. in front of the hospital on Taft Avenue.

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Letter from a frustrated boxing fan

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

HERE'S a letter which we received after the Busan Asian Games. It's never too late to share its relevant message:

It never crossed my mind that one day I'll be writing this letter, but frustration visits us sometimes.

Lately, frustration came to me when I watched the TV coverage of the recently concluded 14th Asiad, especially in boxing which you and your son Chino had been covering. It pained me to see our boxers being pummeled by their heftier and bulkier counterparts. It is not that our boxers have inferior abilities, on the contrary, they were neither outfought nor outsmarted. They were simply outsized.

It sets me into wondering why is it that, most of the time, our boxers seemed small compared to their opponents in their respective weight classes? Never do we see Filipinos enjoying a hefty or bulky advantage, an advantage enjoyed by Korean or Thai fighters. Their boxers are always bigger. Is it in the food that their boxers eat that they remained lighter despite their bulk? Or is it in the way they enforced dieting in order to lose weight, allowing their boxers to compete in a lower division? Do we pamper our boxers by giving them an easier option to eat, to gain weight and to fight in a higher division? Surely, this is one aspect our boxing coaches may have overlooked, or maybe taken for granted.

I'm a town mate of Anthony Iguisquisa and we have religiously followed his career. We are hurt to see him paired against a bigger opponent. We know him to be a fearless fighter, but no matter how good a boxer is, a bigger fighter will prevail.

Please consider this scenario: A boxer in a higher division trimmed his weight down and settled in a lower division. Another boxer, two divisions lower, chooses an easier way—he ate his way to a higher division. These two boxers met midway—a lightweight and a bantamweight competing in the featherweight division. Or a featherweight and a flyweight competing in the bantamweight division. Who do you think will prevail?

Isn't it a scientific fact that we stop growing at age 21? As we grow older, it is the tendency of the body to cover its frame with extra fatty tissue. The food that was needed to build the body in childhood and in youth would, later in life, no longer become a necessity. All that is needed is the right kind of food, just enough to replenish normal losses through expended energies and for the repair of wear and tear that takes place all the time.

Anthony, through the years, increased his weight but he didn't grow. His bone structure remains the same. The added weight that catapulted him to a higher division proved to be a disadvantage.

His weight was for a lightweight but his power remains a featherweight. This is also true among all our boxers in the training pool.

Then you will tell me, 6 pounds is a lot to lose in a boxer. I am also aware of it. I happened to remember an earlier fight of Manny Pacquiao in Thailand, where he had to lose 15 pounds. That was disastrous. But he had to lose it practically in less than a month. What I am saying here is, you lose that 6 pounds and maintain it, year in and year out. In that case, you won't feel dehydrated. What are left would be the right muscles in the right places, with the excess fat thrown out. Losing that weight would be a personal battle for our boxers. They will be, however, consoled tremendously by facing a lighter opponent in the end.

Let our boxers trim their weights, let them fight in a lower division and, hopefully, let them win those coveted medals.

ENGINEER OSCAR WILSON I. ILDESA, Provincial Engineer's Office, Numancia, Aklan

Marines sow terror in Cavite

By Leila Salaverria

TENANTS of a private lot in Cavite are fearing for their lives after members of the Philippine Marines frightened them into submission and began constructing a house in the area without a permit from the owner, according to the tenants.

The tenants said that they have also told the marines that they could not build in the property since it is privately-owned.

One of the tenants, Jilla Teope, 25, who tends a modest canteen in the approximately three hectare lot in Barangay Lungos, Bacoor, Cavite, said that she and her family feel terrorized by the marines who first arrived there in September of this year.

"Why do they want to build a house in that area? What is it about that place that they want to use it even if it is privately owned?" Teope asked.

She said that she and her family were entrusted by the owners of the land to care for it. She said that they were the first to tell the marines that they have no permit to use the land. But the marines claimed the owners had allowed them to use the property, Teope said.

A representative of the landowners Archie Amor, denied that the marines were allowed to use the property.

"We never permitted them to build a house there," he told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Teope said her fear mounted when during the early hours of Nov. 11, the canteen where she works was strafed with machine gun bullets. Fortunately, no one was inside the canteen during the attack even if the refrigerator and the other things inside the store were hit, Teope said. She added that the incident had been reported to Cavite police.

Teope said she suspects that the marines were responsible for the shooting, adding that she could not think of other people who would want to shoot at the canteen, which is next to the house that the marines had built.

Teope said that the marines come to the lot on Sundays, bringing with them construction materials. She said that she had taken video footages of the marines when they first arrived in the area. She said that the video showed the marines in uniform while they unloaded metal sheets and wood from an official government vehicle with plate number SFX-135.

Different men would come during Sundays, but Teope would recognize at least two of them even if she had been unable to get their names because they wore no nameplates and she was afraid to come near them, she said.

'Salvage' victim found in Taguig

By Christian Esguerra

THE BODY of a man believed to be a victim of summary execution was yesterday found in Taguig. Residents found the bullet-riddled body of Abraham Uluan, about 30 years old, in front of the Nutritional Center Building on Pasong Tamo Extension, Western Bicutan about 6 a.m. yesterday.

Uluan had at least four gunshot wounds in the body, said Insp. Maria Jasmeluna Almasa of the Southern Police District Scene of the Crime Operations.

An identification card found on the victim showed that he was a student of the Ansuico Foundation Advance Technical School Inc., police said.

Uluan had been killed at least four hours before his body was found, according to investigation. He was clad in a gray shirt, denim pants with black belt, and black rubber shoes.

Residents told investigators that they had heard gunshots in the area about midnight on Wednesday.

Last month, a female student of the Technological University of the Philippines and her female companion were gunned down in Lower Bicutan. The killing was believed to be drug-related.

YMCA corporate meet

THE YMCA of Manila will holding its 32nd Annual Corporate Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors and Constitutional Bodies on Nov. 16, 2002, Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Because of some unavoidable circumstances, the meeting will be moved from YMCA Convention Center to the Social Hall of P. Gomez Elementary Scholl, P. Guevarra St., Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Thelma P. Juntereal, YMCA of Manila Director General requests all corporate members to attend and actively participate in the business meeting.

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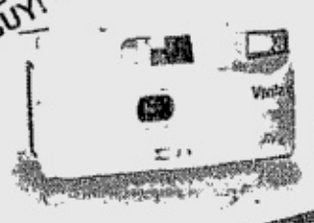

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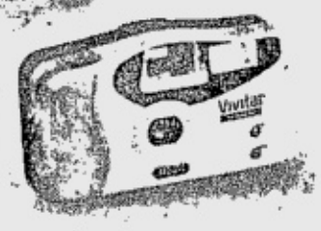

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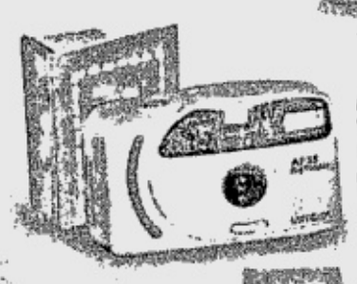

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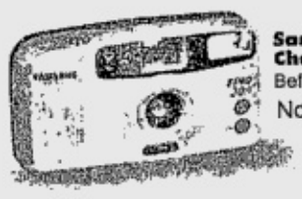

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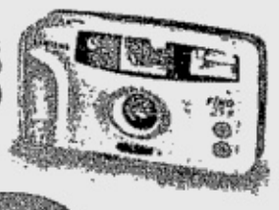

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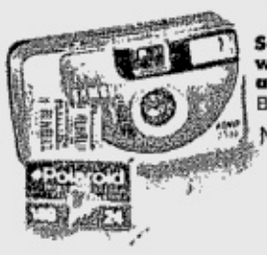

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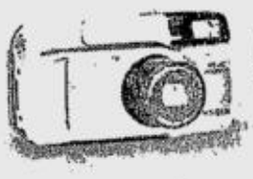

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Nestor U. Torre

HOST: With so many people living in now, do you still believe in marriage?

Guest: Oh, I do, definitely despite!

(Huh?)

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Host: What is the value of being married today, in your opinion?

Guest: Kasi, it's still 'yun' values ng married, sacredness 'yan!

(*Ano daw*?)

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Host: How do you find your love team partner in your TV show?

Guest: Oh, I find her very much!

(That's—nice)

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Host: What's the latest on the fire that happened last night in your building?

Guest: Well, I'm happy to report now, of all the many people who were there, only three of them have seriously conditioned injuries.

(Seriously conditioned injuries?—*Ano 'yun*?)

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Host: How do you spend your weekends?

Guest: I like going out of town with my family, to far-out places!

(Wow, really far out!)

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Host: Did you get the car plate number of the car that bumped your van?

Guest: No, but for sure I know he was in a uniformed vehicle!

(Uniformed vehicle?—What's that?)

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Host: You look so slim these days—what's your secret?

Guest: I'm taking a new diet supplement. It really works!

Host: I can see that! What makes it different from so many diet supplements out there?

Guest: It's all natural, so there's no chemical. Instead, it's filled with six convincing herbs.

(What in the world are convincing herbs?)

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Host: We keep reading about police outposts attacked by rebels, but the police just run away. Why?

Guest: Well, for one thing, they run out of ammunition fast.

Host: Why don't they carry more ammunition?

Guest: Cannot be, because you can carry only so much ammunition within your own person!

(Please, you don't have to swallow it!)

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Host: Have you gotten offers to go bold in the movies?

Starlet: Yes, but I turn them down.

Host: Why, what's the problem?

Starlet: No problem, I just don't want to float my body!

(Uh, please repeat?—Oh, you mean flaunt).

Games on NGC

EVERY Sunday at 7 p.m., until Nov. 24, "Game for It" airs on the National Geographic Channel. It features brave young men who are willing to take risks just to have the adventure of a lifetime.

On Sunday, Nov. 17, meet some weird and wonderful characters on an unusual ascent of Mt. Mustagh Ata on the border of China by a group attempting to break the world record for high-altitude cycling.

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John Mayer

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Mayer is acoustic rock's newest sensation. The 24-year-old singer has the voice of huskier **Dave Matthews**, and looks like a cross between **Josh Hartnett** and **Matt Damon**.

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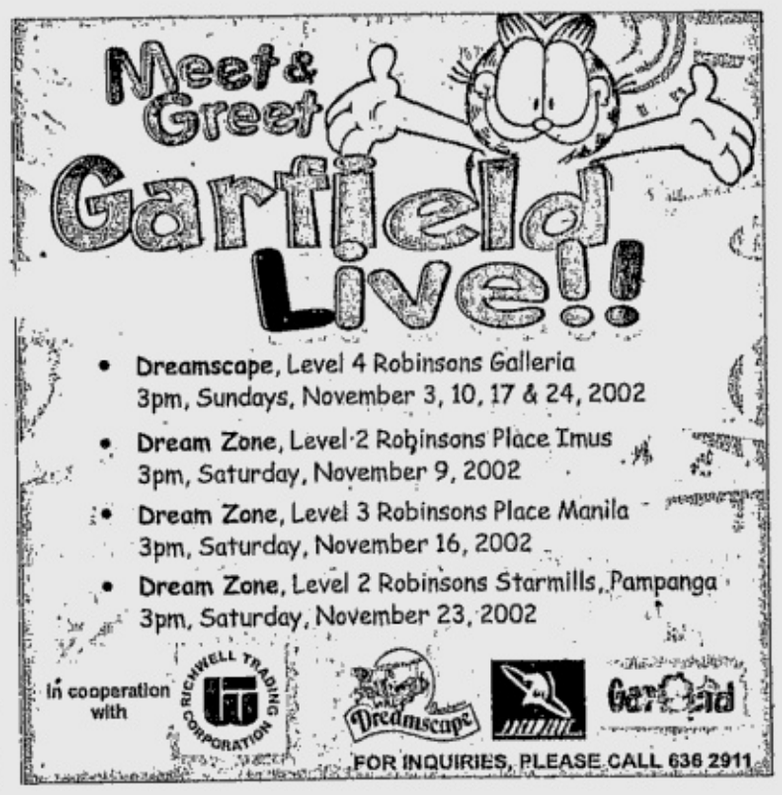

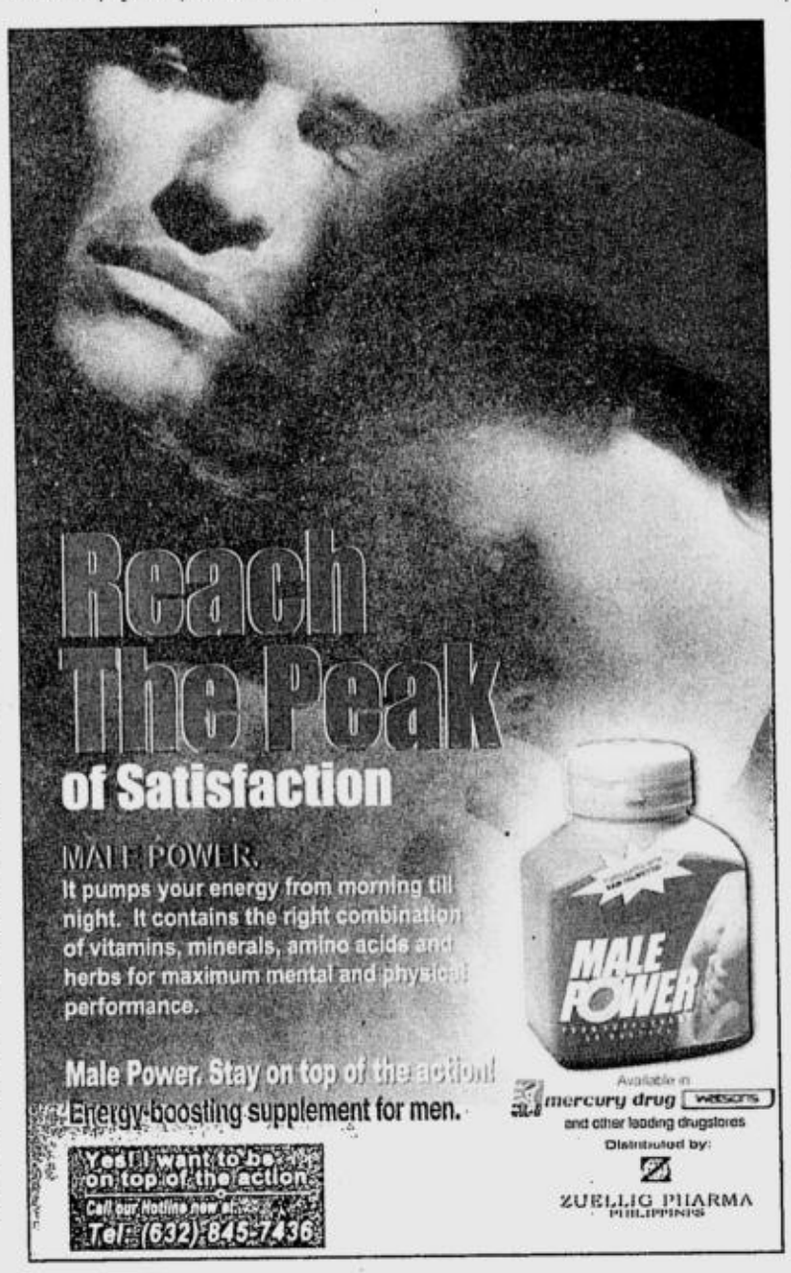

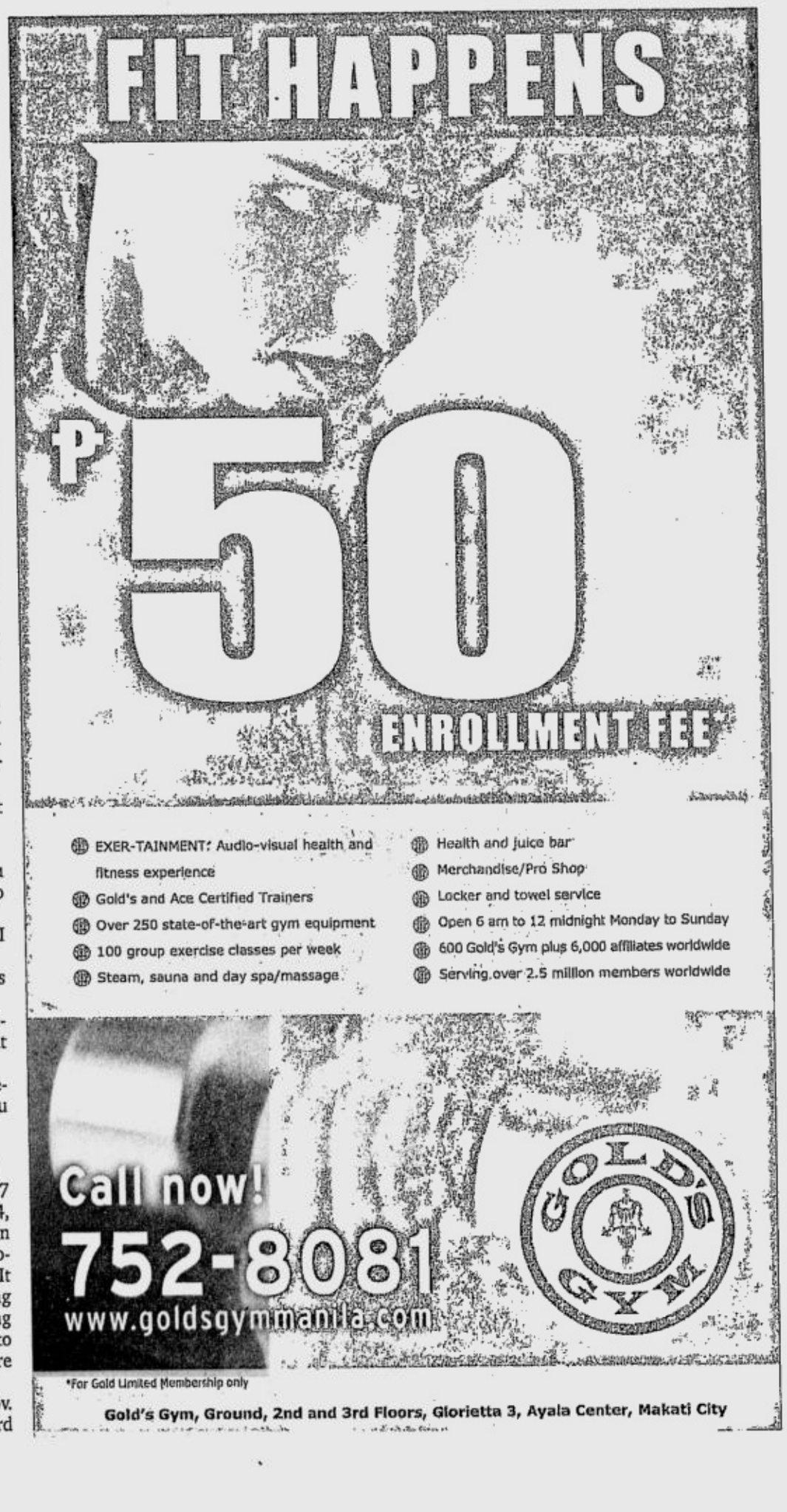

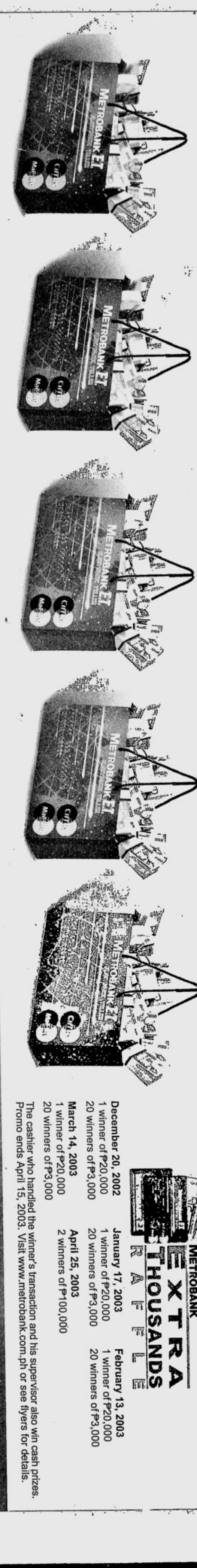

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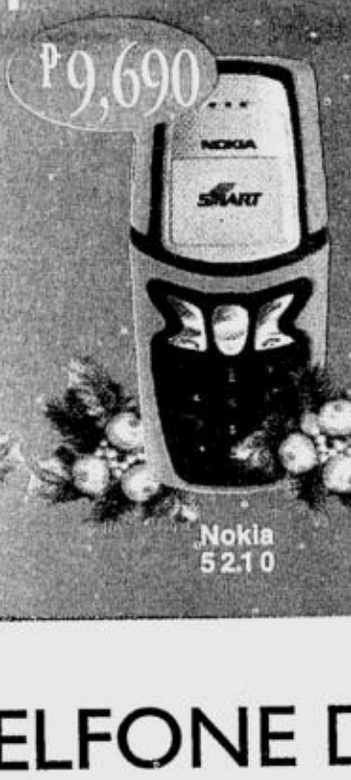

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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Apo: A career as originals

By Marinel R. Cruz

IN AN era of remakes and revivals, the Apo Hiking Society insists on doing its own thing. Buboy Garrovillo, Jim Paredes and Danny Javier claim that after performing their own music for 34 years, they are now living proof that artists can still have a career and be original.

"I believe that artists who make their own materials have longevity," Buboy told the INQUIRER in an interview last Nov. 9.

The group is set to "recreate our music and relive its memories" in a one-night show at the Hard Rock Café tonight.

Jim believes that there is greater pleasure in recreating the experience an artist felt the first time he sang a song than simply "reenacting" other people's works. "Nawawala ang experimentation sa revivals," he explained.

Buboy said they would open the Hard Rock show with a song that Apo followers have not heard of in 15 years. Fans would also hear them talk about political issues and watch them make fun of themselves, as always.

"Apo will sing Apo songs during the show, not Incubus songs. We don't like doing other people's stuff," Jim said. "If ever we cover them, we'll do it our way. We will try to own the material."

"But the Hard Rock show would probably be the only time Manila people would see Danny perform in a wheelchair," Buboy added.

Danny had sprained his ankle and was not able to make it to the interview.

Since the trio quit hosting their daily noontime variety show "'Sang Linggo nApo Sila" on Channel 2 two years ago, they have been busy doing things other than singing and creating good music together.

Jim is into photography and writing his memoirs, while Buboy, aside from his obsession with golf, is involved in theater. Danny, according to Jim, is busy attending to several businesses that he has put up recently.

"Honestly speaking, I don't miss being in a noontime show at all. The money and exposure we get from the hosting are good but I don't need that much money or that much attention," Jim said.

"What we miss is performing, doing more shows," Buboy said. "We'd say yes to any performance. But we understand that it is difficult to do that in the present live entertainment scene."

The group has just returned from a successful trip to Japan and the US and is now busy doing provincial shows. After the Hard Rock show, they would fly to Ormoc in Leyte.

"Apo . . . Banda Rito," the group's most recent album, is their tribute to young bands like Parokya ni Edgar ("Harana"), Rivermaya ("Kisapmata"), Yano ("Banal na Aso"), Eraserheads ("Pare Ko" and "Magasin"), among others. The album was released December last year.

Buboy said the group does not intend to release a new record anytime soon. He said even materials from a group like theirs were not spared from being pirated. "*Nakakahiya nga lumapit sa mga* recording companies nowadays because with piracy still so rampant, *alam mong hindi sila kikita*," he said.

"I'm very under whelmed with what is happening in the music scene. I don't think there is a solution to piracy," said Jim.

"There is," Buboy cut in. "Law enforcement. Either that or change the landscape of the whole music industry."

APO Hiking Society. 'We'd say yes to any performance.'

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AQUINO

Regal to film in Beijing for this year's filmfest bet

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

WITH THE slump in local movies, gathering an all-star cast for a film project seems next to impossible. With the rising cost of film production, coupled with the stratospheric fees of the stars and the mind-boggling budget for advertising and promotions, producers will hardly gamble their millions.

It has been ages since the viewing public had seen a star-studded lineup for a local movie. But for its latest film, Regal Entertainment energizes local cinema anew by assembling a powerhouse cast in one movie.

The formidable and stellar lineup reads like an illustrious gallery of show biz stars—**Eddie Garcia, Boots Anson-Roa, Maricel Soriano, Richard Gomez, Kris Aquino, Ara Mina, Jay Manalo, Amy Austria, Tirso Cruz III, Gina Alajar** and **Eric Quizon.**

Also in the cast are **Anita Linda, Cogie Domingo, Daniel Fernando, Maxene Magalona, Jenine Desiderio, Richard Kuan** and **Carlo Maceda.**

"Mano Po" is intended as one of Regal's big-budget entries to this year's Metro Manila Film Festival next month. The other entry is **Chito Roño**'s fantasy-adventure flick, "Spirit Warriors 2."

"As we set our sights to the filmfest this year, Regal hopes to give filmgoers the best it can offer in the family drama genre," says Mother **Lily Monteverde.**

"'Mano Po' is an unforgettable film that is both timely and timeless. It has big stars and definitely great performances. I'm very proud of this movie."

At the helm of "Mano Po" is **Joel Lamangan,** who directs a script written by **Roy Iglesias.** "This film dramatizes the plight of rich Filipino-Chinese families who are exploited by politicians and threatened by kidnappers," Iglesias explains. "It shows how the Chinoys are misunderstood by society and how they are sometimes treated as aliens. What most people don't know is that the Chinese have contributed to our economy and culture."

The film also shows Chinese traditions and practices, especially reverence and respect to ancestors and elders, as exemplified with the kissing of the hand known as "Mano Po."

The cast members were required to take a crash course in the Chinese language, so they can deliver their dialogue well. On the set are language instructors from Ateneo de Manila University—Prof. **Jane Yu** and Prof. **Patrick Ong**—who coach Fookienese to the stars while filming.

To bring authenticity to the film, Regal is even bringing cast and crew to Beijing, where they will partly film the movie.

"Mano Po" started as a dream of Mother Lily, who wishes to pay tribute to her parents by telling the inspiring tale of a Filipino-Chinese family.

The story spans three generations, with Eddie as the Chinese patriarch and Boots the Filipina he marries. He brings his young bride (Elisa) to China to meet his parents, who instantly dislike her for not being Chinese.

Amid the chaos in China during the rule of **Mao Tse Tung**, Elisa decides to return to the Philippines, but her husband chooses to be with her.

Mother Lily shares her strong-willed mother did just that when the parents and relatives of her father refused to recognize her mother. But Mother Lily's dad chose his wife over his family. The couple returned to the Philippines and against all odds, through patience and hard work, built a copra empire in Bicol and Southern Tagalog.

With "Mano Po" which is now nearing completion, Mother Lily's dream comes true.

When she was younger, Mother Lily considered herself as a rebel in the family, similar to the role of Ara Mina in the movie.

Ara Mina is Richelle, the youngest in the family who is also the black sheep. She's involved with the under-

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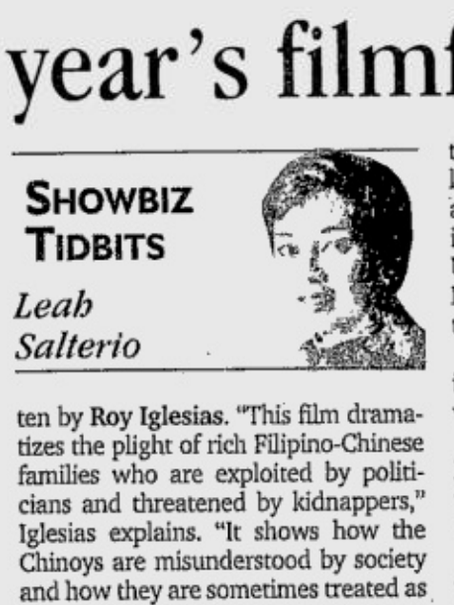

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Jacqui sings at Merk's

JAZZ singer Jacqui Magno celebrates her 25th year as a solo artist with a series of shows, "Jacqui Magno, 25 Years—No Regrets," at Merk's Bar Bistro, Level 3, Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center, Makati City. The shows are slated Nov. 16, 30 and Dec. 14 at 9 p.m.

As far back as Jacqui can remember, 25 years in the music industry is just the tip of the iceberg.

"Music was already in my blood even during my younger days," Jacqui says.

The turning point came when a classmate told Jacqui that the former's brother was forming a band which was in need of a vocalist. The group was Genesis Band, which included Basil Valdez, Rudy Lozano and the late Gerry Paraiso.

When she was pregnant, Jacqui bumped into Basil, who asked her to join his new group, the now-legendary Circus Band.

The concert series is a benefit for Our Lady of the Pillars Church in Las Piñas City. For reservations, call 757-4720 or 757-4721.

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world, a drug user and she carries a dangerous liaison with a police officer, played by Richard Gomez.

Gary a hit in US

GARY Valenciano arrived from the United States early Tuesday morning on board a Philippine Airlines flights from Los Angeles. He was with his wife **Angeli Pangilinan-Valenciano** and daughter **Kiana**.

Gary only had a day to rest because yesterday, Nov. 14, he left again for China for a Unicef concert. He will meet with **Donita**, who is hosting in Shanghai.

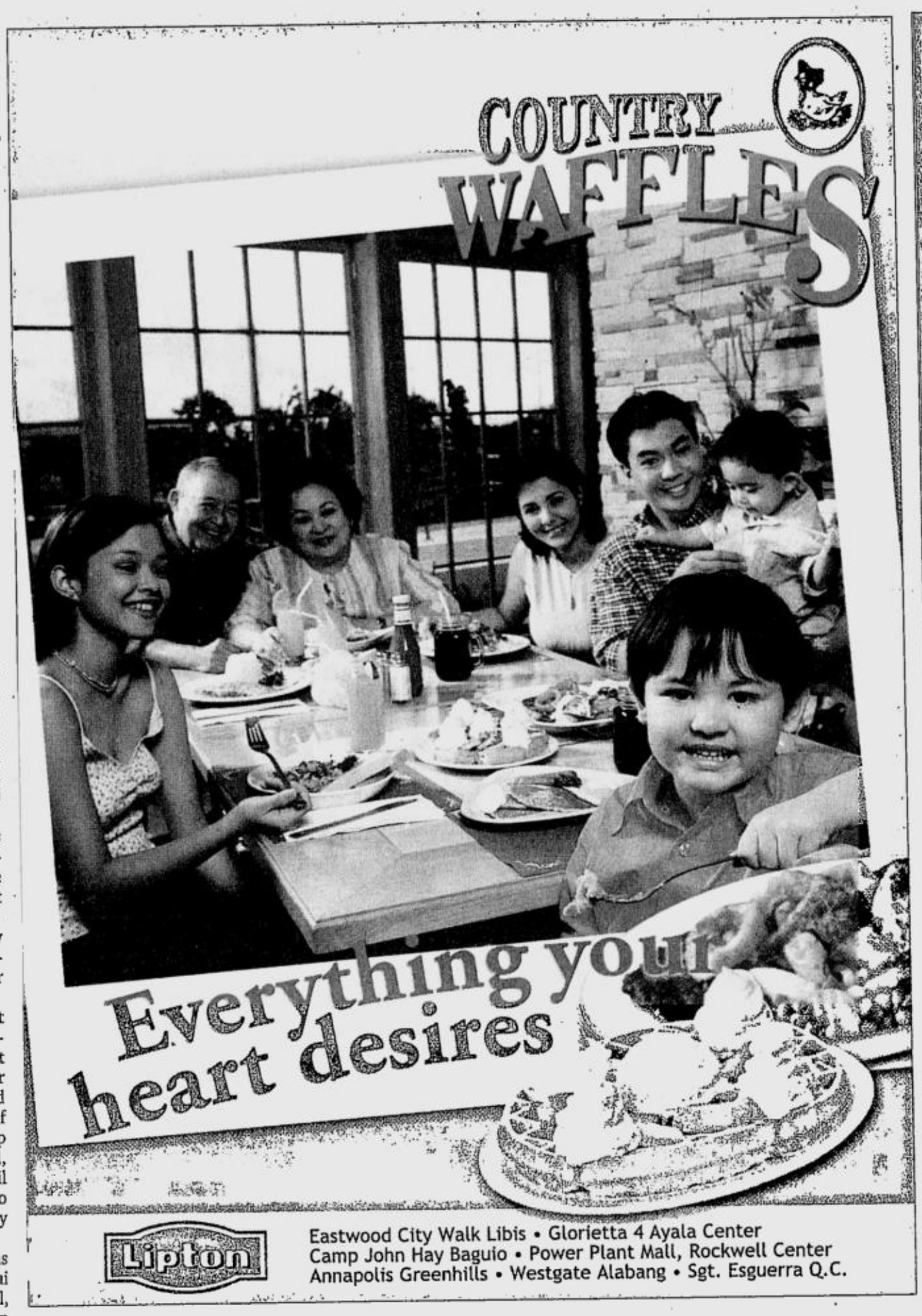
Gary conquered the US West Coast again with well-received shows.

Rio Diaz watched his concert in Berkeley, California and cried when she heard Gary sing "The Warrior is a Child." She even told Angeli that she wanted that song when she finally goes. But Angeli told Rio, "You're not going to go. God won't allow it."

Candy Pangilinan was the opening act for all the shows and was a huge hit with her stewardess act and her funeraria manger acts, which sent the audiences into stitches.

Candy came out onstage from a balikbayan box.

Ralph Humphrey, the drummer of Al Jarreau and Manhattan Transfer, played with Gary in San Diego.



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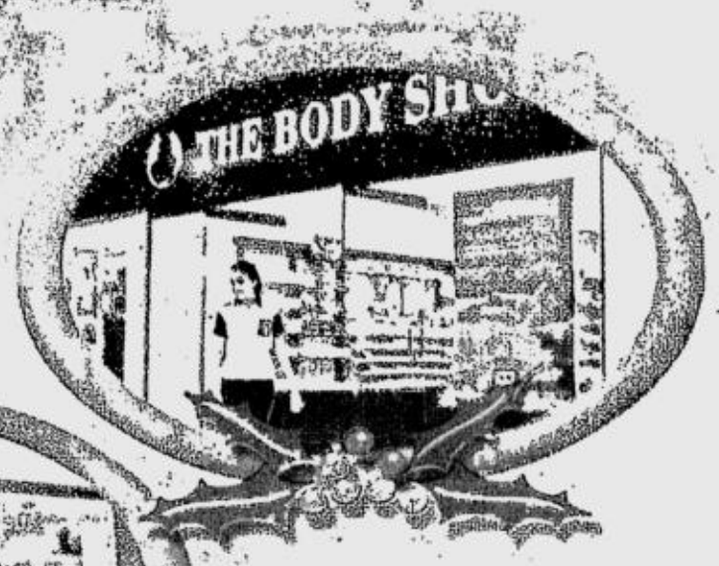

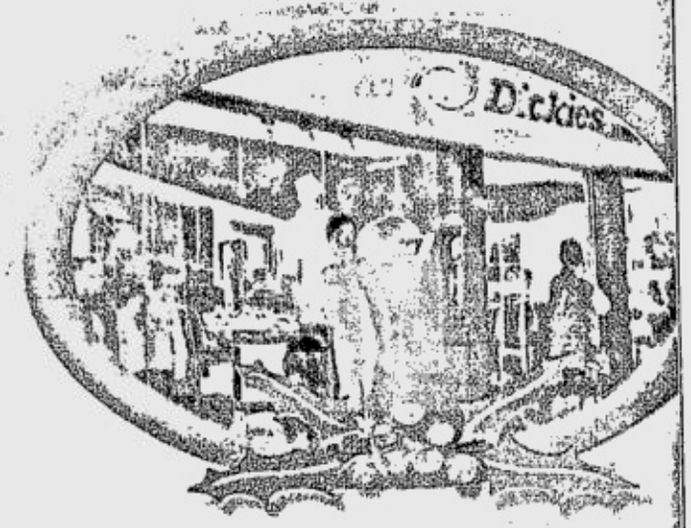

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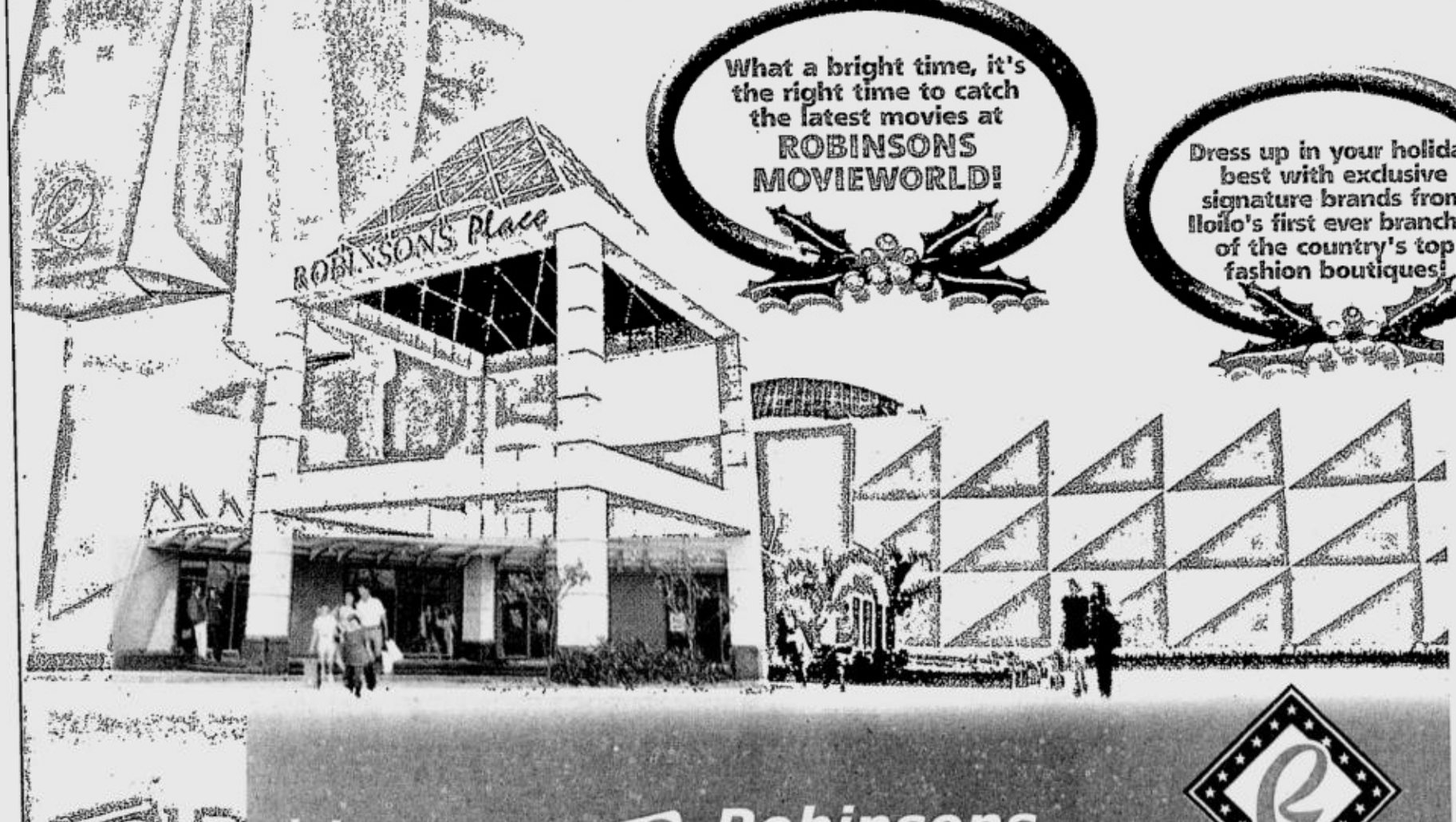

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Gov't taps 3 banks to sell $500-M bonds

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GOVERNMENT has tapped HSBC Corp., Salomon Smith Barney and UBS Warburg to sell $500 million worth of 10-year Philippine global bonds.

Banking sources said the government decided to push through with the bond issue to take advantage of relatively good prices following the drop in benchmark US interest rates.

The borrowing was also pursued after at least two emerging markets decided to postpone their respective bond issues this year. Thailand, for instance, had announced a plan to issue $1 billion worth of bonds but decided to defer the float.

The sources said the delay in the bond sale of Thailand left a vacuum in investment outlets for those seeking placements in emerging markets.

The deal is the third for HSBC and the first for Salomon Smith Barney and UBS this year.

HSBC was one of three banks that handled the $1-billion, seven-year global bond sale in March and was the sole underwriter of the government's P10-billion, three- and five-year bond issue this month.

The government's plan was disclosed by Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura last Wednesday. The central bank chief said the national government had advised the Monetary Board of such a plan and consequently secured the policy-making body's approval.

After the US Fed cut last week, treasury rates in the United States fell to fresh 40-year lows, according to Buenaventura.

But the yield of the 15-year global bonds with a 10-year put option sold by the Philippine government last January continued to go up in the secondary market.

From 8.648 percent in May, the yield of the bonds rose to 8.854 percent last Nov. 13 from 8.826 percent.

The yield represented the return to investors who would choose to sell the bonds today as opposed to the coupon rate of more than 9 percent for those who would hold the bonds until maturity.

Since the Philippine bonds were to be issued in the global market (it will be launched in the United States but will be available to all investors), the benchmark rate to be used would be the US treasury of similar maturity.

The government chose a 10-year maturity instead of five years as a longer term would give the country more flexibility in managing its finances considering that the total public debt of the Philippines, including that of the BSP, was already equivalent to more than 80 percent of the gross domestic product.

The 10-year bond sale is the government's fifth foreign borrowing this year and the fourth in the global market. The Philippines will use the unissued part of its $1.2 billion worth of securities registered with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

This year, the government borrowed $750 million from the 15-year global bond market in January, $1 billion from the seven-year global bond market in March, an additional $300 million from the seven-year facility in May, and $300 million from the five-year euro bond market in September.

While the government said it would use the proceeds of the bond sale as part of its accelerated fund-raising program for next year's $2.3-billion requirement, the money could be used this year if the budget deficit would go beyond the revised target.

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STOCK MARKET

Turnover hits new low

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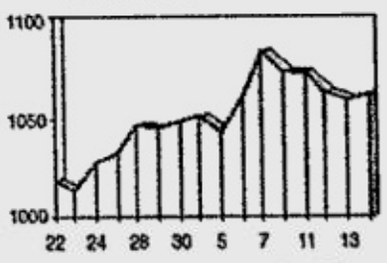

SHARE prices rose 0.2 percent yesterday due to bargain-hunting following a slight easing of fears of a US-led war on Iraq, dealers said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index gained 2.41 points to 1,061.86.

"There was mild bargain hunting activity, with sentiment boosted by the fact that Iraq has accepted the UN resolution," said Terence Chan of Citiseonline.com.

But Gomer Tan of Regina Capital Development Corp. warned, "we still have to wait for the outcome of the UN inspection in Iraq. Iraq's move

TURNOVER/ B3

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DESPITE BALI MAYHEM

Many Asian airlines see profits this year

MOST Asian airlines are expecting profits this year despite the Bali bombing but rising insurance costs and new security measures to thwart terrorism may erode the bottom line, officials said.

"The profits are coming back," Richard Stirland, the director-general of the Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (Aapa) told AFP ahead of yesterday's annual meeting of chief executives of its 17 regional carriers in Cebu.

Stirland said "at least a dozen" Aapa members in the last few months have announced profits for their financial year ending between June and September.

This was in stark contrast to most American and European airlines which were still mired in the red following the unparalleled turmoil caused by the Sept. 11, 2001 US terrorist attacks, he said.

"We in the Asian region are pretty healthy," Stirland said, pointing out that the region's carriers seemed to have overcome the turbulence caused by the Oct. 12 terrorist attack in Indonesia's Bali resort island which left nearly 200 dead.

Several Western governments had issued travel bulletins advising their citizens to stay away from the region after the Bali blast.

"Actually, it is surprising the relatively little impact the events in Bali have had on traffic in Southeast Asia as far as we can determine at this stage," Stirland said.

While acknowledging that traffic to Bali and Indonesia generally was down and that some Aapa members had reduced their services to that country, "generally speaking the traffic seems to be holding up

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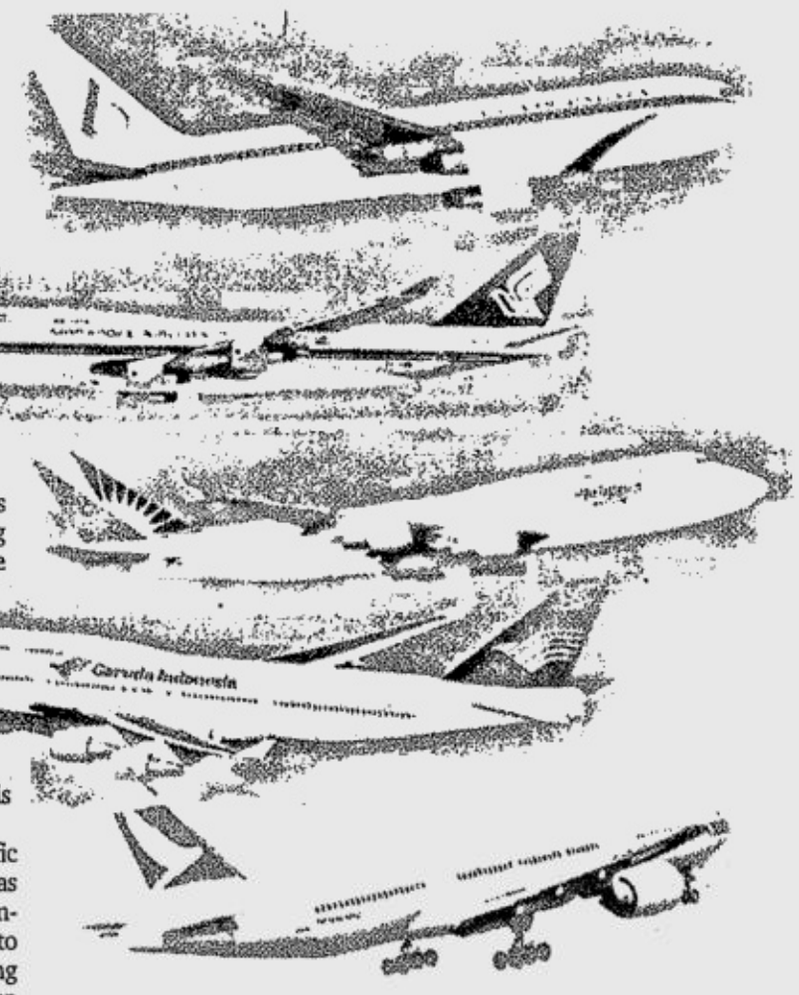

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Razon's airport blitzkrieg

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BLOODIED from their joint venture disaster, the German principals of the new Naia Terminal 3 have decided to throw in the towel and agreed to give up their majority shareholdings in the gleaming, world-class airport terminal in favor of port services king Enrique Razon Jr.

While the Fraport AG group provided the bulk of the venture funding, the Germans have been virtually shut out of management control, in a classic case of the tail wagging the dog, by their local minority partners, the low-key Cheng family.

Tales of Erap-era multimillion-peso payoffs and overpriced contracts have also caused untold embarrassment for the publicly listed German conglomerate.

According to the grapevine, Razon, who controls International Container Terminal Services Inc., had already informed Malacañang about his agreement with the Germans.

It is understood that Razon would hew to the Malacañang-Fraport formula, disclosed before a congressional investigation, of converting the German equity into a long-term loan.

With the Germans gone, the politically well-connected Razon would take care of the so-called Cheng problem as well as the more formidable Lucio Tan lobby, whose Philippine Airlines and cargo-handling business are being forced to move into Terminal 3 under alleged onerous terms.

Razon should not have any problem dealing with the taipan; after all, it was the Basque descendant, to the absolute horror of his fellow Castilaloys, the Ayalas, who provided the swing vote that enabled the ex-janitor from Fujian to take majority control of the Philippine flag carrier.

(To stock market punters who might want to ramp up the ICTSI share price, we have bad news for you. Razon will use a yet-to-be formed private venture, not ICTSI, to acquire the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3.)

To ensure world-class efficiency and safety in these troubled times, Razon has, according to the grapevine, also agreed to hire German executives to run the new terminal. If the plan pushes through, the days of the human smuggling syndicate in Naia are definitely numbered.

The German executives would also have the added incentive of making Terminal 3 run

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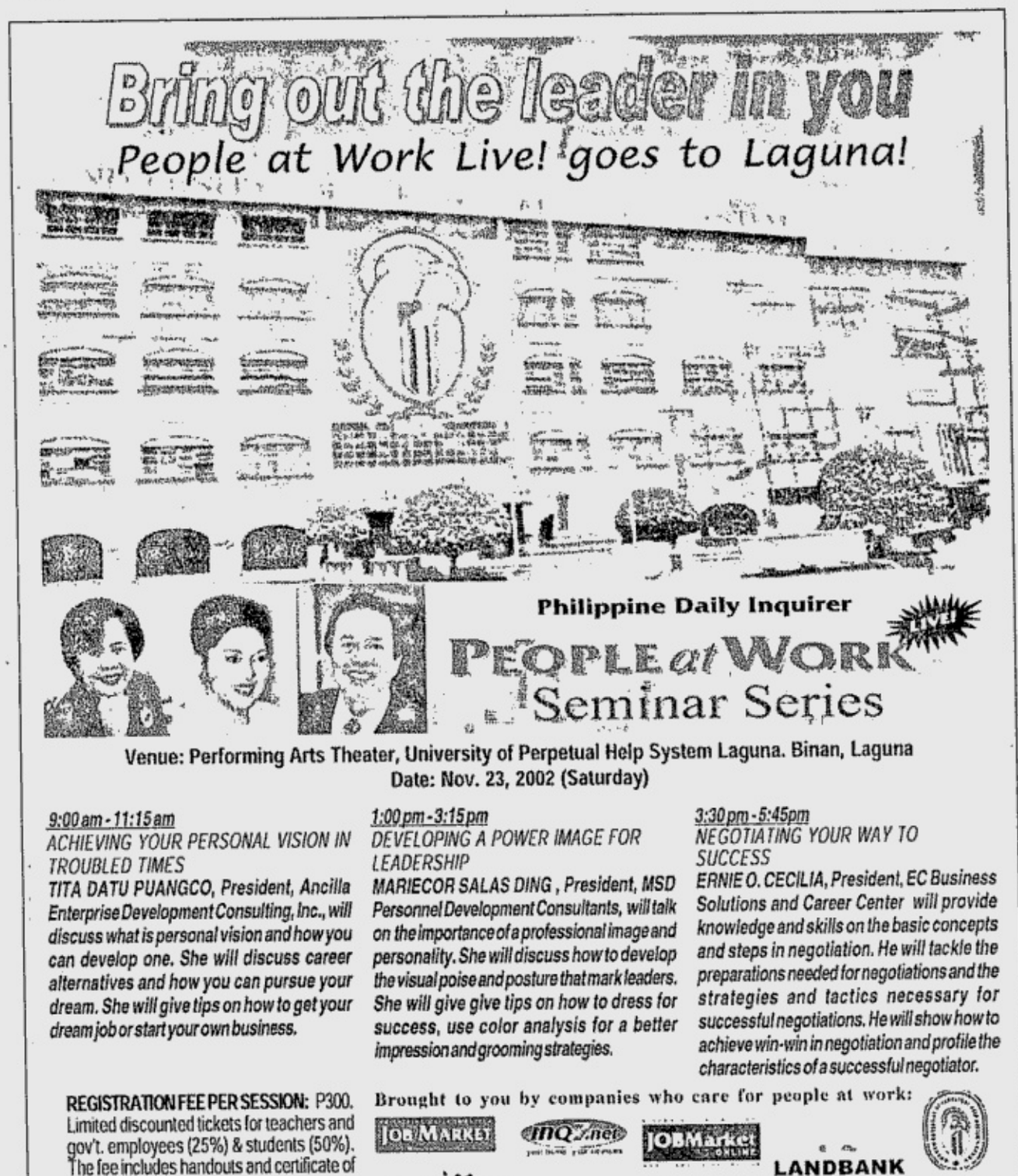

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pretty well."

Stirland said it was difficult to give an indication of the average profit chalked up by the regional carriers but "all of the airlines who have reported so far are saying that in the second half of 2002 and beyond 2003, they will do better than the first half of 2002." The Aapa members are Philippine Airlines, Air New Zealand, All Nippon Airways, Asiana Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways, China Airlines, Dragonair, EVA Air, Garuda Indonesia, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines, Qantas Airways, Royal Brunei Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways International and Vietnam Airlines.

PAL, Cathay, Korean Air, Asiana and Thai Airways were among those which a posted dramatic turnaround in their financial results announced recently.

"We think that the general trend of the financial results over the last nine months will be maintained and when we get to December-January, and hopefully there is no war in the Middle East and untoward incidents in the region, the airlines will do better," Stirland said.

Andrew Drysdale, the Asia-Pacific director of the International Air Transport Association, told AFP that double-digit growth in Asia's cargo sector signaled future high economic and passenger traffic growth. *AFP*

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Thursday, November 14, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	20,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	19,900
Bank of the Phil. Islands	42	42	42	42	275,600
China Banking Corp.	625	625	625	625	1,550
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	27	27	26.5	26.5	352,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	31	31	30.5	31	70,300
Phil. Savings Bank	27	27	27	27	1,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	10	10	10	10	1,000
Security Bank Corp.	11.75	12.25	11.5	12.25	7,900
Union Bank of the Phil.	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	3,600
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard, Inc.	1	1	1	1	60,000
Filipino Fund, Inc	0.34	0.4	0.34	0.4	80,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1150	1150	1150	1150	630
PCI Leasing & Fin., Inc.	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	20,000
Sun Life Financial Serv.	900	905	900	905	930
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp	17	17.25	17	17	4,100
Globe Telecom Inc.	422.5	422.5	417.5	417.5	13,120
Island Info And Tech Inc.	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	500,000
Ism Communications Corp.	0.016	0.017	0.016	0.017	1,500,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	10,000
Pldt	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	410,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	210,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	257.5	257.5	252.5	252.5	38,040
Philweb.Com, Inc.	0.01	0.01	0.0095	0.01	9,000,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	14.25	14.25	14	14	30,600
Manila Electric Co. B	18.75	19	18.75	18.75	141,900
Petron Corp.	1.64	1.64	1.62	1.64	760,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	20,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals, Inc.	1.22	1.24	1.22	1.22	243,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	35,000
William,Gothong & Aboitiz	3.25	3.3	3.25	3.3	134,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.24	0.29	0.24	0.29	190,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	14	14	14	14	128,100
La Tondena Distillers Inc	34.5	34.5	34	34.5	20,000
San Miguel Corp. A	58	58.5	58	58.5	217,400
San Miguel Corp. B	63.5	64	63.5	64	250,200
Vitarich Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	790,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.I	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	624,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	4,000
Ajo.Net Holdings, Inc.	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.17	150,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	6,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.48	2.48	2.38	2.38	10,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.195	0.2	710,000
A Brown Company, Inc.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	70,000
Basic Consolidated, Inc.	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	500,000
Crown Equities, Inc.	0.165	0.18	0.165	0.18	310,000
DMCI Holdings, Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	220,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp	13	13	12.75	12.75	26,600
Global Equities Inc.	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	300,000
Ionics Inc.	1.76	1.76	1.7	1.7	106,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	220,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.23	0.23	0.225	0.225	1,000,000
Music Corporation	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	100,000
Philtread Holdings Corp.	3	3	3	3	738,000
Roxas Holdings, Inc.	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	200,000
Uniwide Holdings, Inc.	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	1,600,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Interphil Labs Inc. A	1.86	1.88	1.86	1.88	336,000
Interphil Labs Inc. B	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.88	26,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	200,000
Pryce Corporation	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	500,000
Spi Technologies, Inc.	10.25	10.75	10.25	10.75	40,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corporation	0.35	0.37	0.35	0.37	240,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (PDR)	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.25	10,300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	3,000
OTHERS					
Far Eastern University	450	450	450	450	500
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95	1,558,000
Cebu Holdings, Inc.	3100	0.31	0.31	0.31	100,000
Empire East Land Inc.	1500	0.15	0.15	0.15	400,000
Filinvest Land, Inc.	9600	0.96	0.94	0.94	1,290,000
Highlands Prime, Inc.	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	50,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	20,000
SM Development Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	50,000
SM Prime Holdings, Inc.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	412,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co., Inc. A	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	10,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	2,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	200,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	370,000
Omico Corporation	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	7,000,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0026	0.0028	0.0026	0.0028	115,000,000

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Bank & Fin Svc	916,410	26,535,525.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	28,892,860	60,472,925.00
PRO	3,880,000	11,425,000.00
Mining	9,580,000	119,900.00
OIL	115,000,000	302,000.00
GRAND TOTALS:	162,269,270	112,855,350.00

AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin'l Svc	412.46	UP 8.62
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,478.16	DOWN 0.54
PRO	463.68	DOWN 2.66
Mining	1,071.63	DOWN 17.19
OIL	1.30	UP 0.05
All Shares	616.90	UP 3.43
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Thursday's value was a record low since the Philippine bourse unified in 1994. *AFP*

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Port operator posts 24% jump in 9-month profit

PORT and logistics operator Asian Terminals Inc. yesterday announced a 23.8-percent growth in net income to P446.1 million in the first nine months of the year, maintaining the positive momentum it gained from its recent expansion and development activities.

Its consolidated revenues likewise went up by 4 percent to P2.6 billion in the January-to-September period.

In a statement issued yesterday, ATI noted that its "aggressive expansion programs" for its terminals at Manila's South Harbor boosted its total asset base by around 1.8 percent to P8.3 billion. Its property and equipment base also expanded by 3.8 percent to P6.5 billion.

For these large-scale expansion efforts included in its South Harbor Development program, the company has already spent P490.9 million, or 85 percent of its programmed capital expenditures for the year, in the nine-month period.

The South Harbor Development project includes the expansion of international container handling capacity and the construction of a new domestic passenger terminal and freight handling facilities at one of Manila's international ports.

The company also attributed its nine-month profit surge to a reduction in its borrowings and the low interest rate environment.

Its total liabilities went down by 2.6 percent to P3.8 billion, with total long-term liabilities falling by 25.6 percent to P1.3 billion and total current liabilities rising by 16.9 percent to P2.5 billion from January to September.

US firm sues Ionics over subsidiary's $5.6-M debts

By Doris C. Dumlao

US-BASED Tyco Electronics Corp. has sued leading electronics manufacturer Ionics Inc. over $5.63 million worth of liabilities owed by the latter's defunct offshore unit Ionics Circuits Inc.-USA.

The claims were vehemently challenged by Ionics in the US courts, but the uncertainties dragged down its share price to another all-time low of P1.70 at the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday from Wednesday's closing of P1.80.

In a disclosure to the PSE, Ionics corporate secretary Manuel Roxas said Tyco wanted Ionics Inc. to assume ICI-USA's unpaid invoices of $3.63 million as well as cancellation charges of $2 million. However, he stressed that the claims were made on the basis of a letter guarantee bearing the signature of an officer of Ionics "which appears to be a forgery."

"In order to put the matter to rest, Ionics Inc. filed a case for declaratory judgment against Tyco seeking a judicial declaration that it is not liable to Tyco for the debts and obligations of Ionics Circuits USA," Roxas said.

"Management and its US legal counsel believes that it has a strong case against Tyco," he said.

Stock traders said investors were concerned on the lawsuit hanging over Ionics, as the peso equivalent of Tyco's claims would even be bigger than the P206 million in profits chalked up by the company last year.

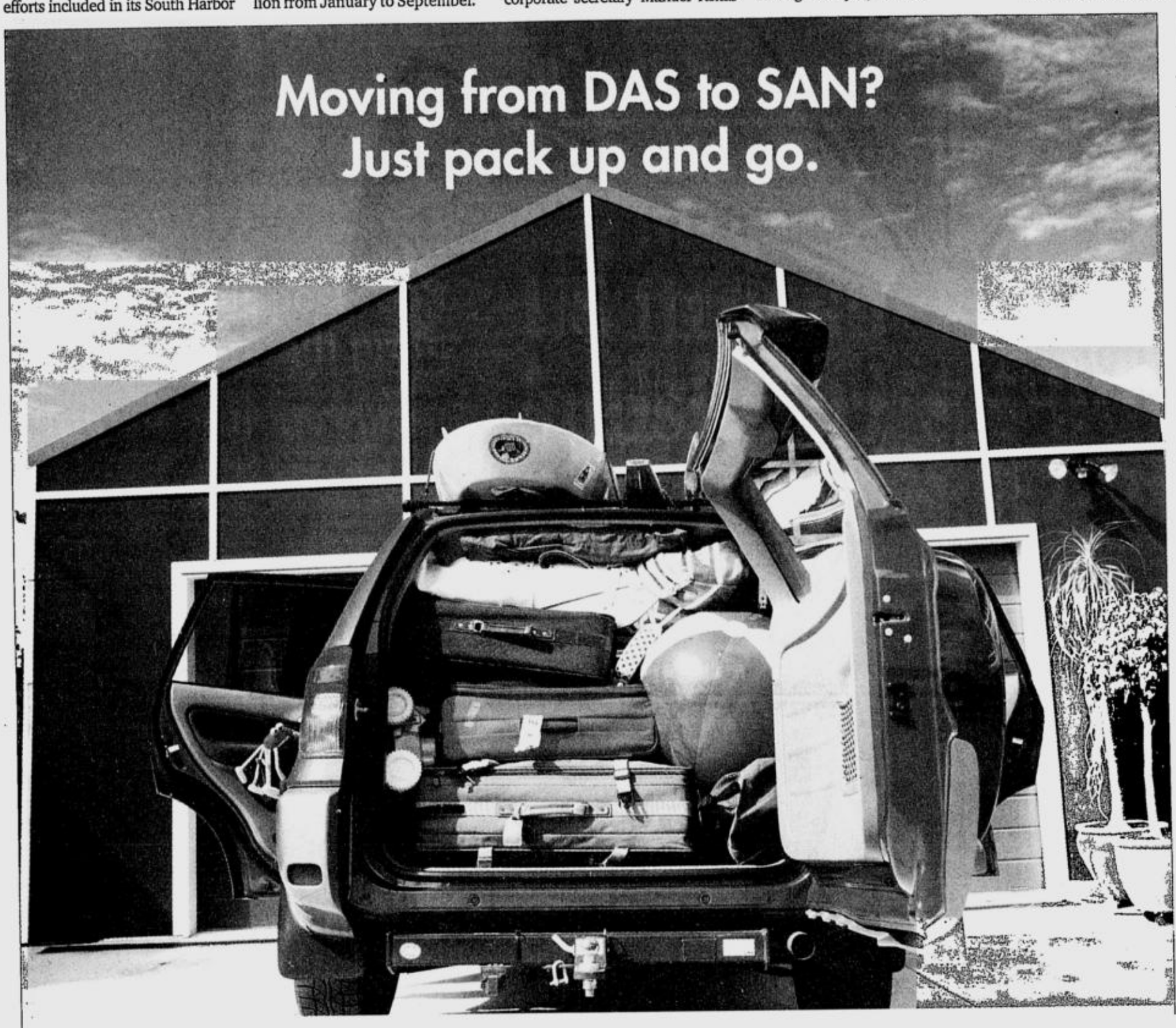
On top of these claims, Tyco and two other US-based suppliers of ICI-USA—Photocircuits Corp. and MCX Inc.—also filed a petition for involuntary bankruptcy against the Ionics subsidiary before the US Bankruptcy Court-Northern District of California.

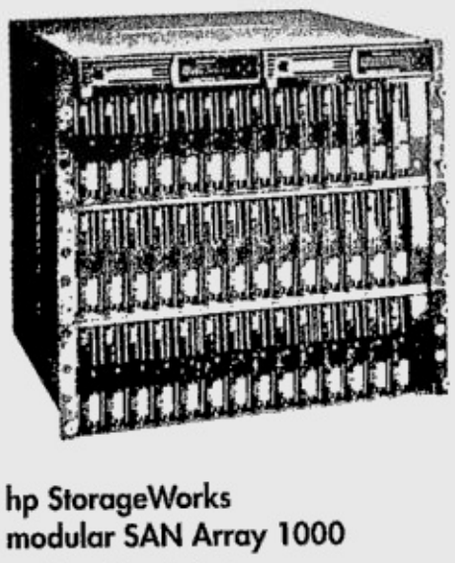
Ionics had to shut down ICI-USA last year after three years of losing operations..

On the other hand, Roxas also explained that Ionics had already put up loss provisions for its investments in ICI-USA. As such, he said management believed the petition for involuntary bankruptcy would not affect its operations.

As opposed to a voluntary bankruptcy, US laws allow creditors holding claims against a debtor to initiate a bankruptcy petition, usually to prevent further losses from the dissipation of assets.

ICI-USA, a full service electronics contract manufacturer specializing in printed circuit board system and build assembly, generated at least P1 billion in annual revenues but sales volume was still insufficient to yield profits.





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Security Bank profit up 30%; inks BMW deal

By Elena R. Torrijos

SECURITY Banking Corp. posted a profit of P415 million in the first nine months or 30 percent higher than the P336 milion profit it recorded a year ago.

In a briefing after signing an auto-financing partnership with BMW Philippines Corp., Security Bank president Rafael Simpao said the bank would likely post a 20-percent increase in profit this year from last year's P427 million.

He attributed the bank's improved profitability to higher fee-based income largely from trading gains.

The bank's aim was to bring up the contribution of fee-based income to operating income to 60 percent from 43 percent.

Simpao said one of the concrete steps in this direction was the exclusive auto-financing agreement signed yesterday with BMW.

Under that agreement, BMW Philippines will offer financing schemes supported by Security Bank.

"The partnership aims to roll out in the coming months several financing products that will allow motorists to drive home a BMW either at a lower monthly amortization or lower interest rates. Security Bank, for its part, commits to give a conditional credit approval within three hours at rates that are competitive with the market," the bank said in a statement.

BMW finance director and treasurer Alex Thorwirth said that BMW hoped to increase sales through the auto-financing agreement.

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efficiently. After all, the debt payments to Fraport would rely on Terminal 3's profitability.

This horrible Ayala traffic

NOW that the annual holiday gridlock is about to be inflicted among central Makati's office workers and residents, the Ayala hacienderos and the City Hall indios should get together and finally consider making Ayala and Buendia avenues a one-way loop.

Consider this scheme.

To remove the McKinley Road bottleneck and appease the Forbes-Dasma set, McKinley could be made one-way to Ayala, with Ayala being made one-way all the way to Buendia (Gil Puyat now).

Buendia, at least from the Ayala intersection, would then be made one way going to Edsa, creating a loop.

To help unclog Ayala Center, Hotel Drive (the road between Intercon and the open-car park) would be made one-way out to Ayala, allowing right turn only for vehicles bound for Edsa-Pasay and the left-turning Edsa flyover.

Makati motorists who wish to go to The Fort and beyond will be made to take the under-utilized Buendia flyover, also to be converted one-way to The Fort.

Jupiter Street, Paseo de Roxas, Makati Avenue, Pasay (Arnaiz) Road, as well as all the inner roads of Legaspi and Salcedo villages, would be turned into alternating one-way streets.

Aside from hopefully making traffic move faster, an added bonus to this scheme is that the traffic islands along Buendia and Ayala could eventually be removed, and with the freed additional space, the sidewalks, especially Buendia's, could then be widened and planted with more trees to encourage walking.

Heard through the grapevine

BUOYED by strong interest in its One Legazpi Park, Ayala Land is building a more affordable high-rise condo further down, at the corner of Ayala and the Pasay-bound Buendia lane, in what is now an open car park across the Zuellig offices.

That end of Ayala forking left to Vito Cruz via Metropolitan Avenue has quietly and slowly been gentrifying through the years, with the best (or worst, depending on your political persuasion) of American imports, McDonald's and Starbucks, doing roaring business at the Vito Cruz and Chino Roces (Pasong Tamo) intersection. *(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com.)*

Economic team starts review of deficit targets

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE DEVELOPMENT Budget Coordination Committee, the Cabinet-level economic team, yesterday started the review of the government's budget deficit targets.

"Once and for all, we will finalize what the targets are for this year and for the medium term," said Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho who, however, refused to divulge the numbers presented by the DBCC's technical working group.

Indications point to a possible increase in this year's budget deficit ceiling to P200 billion from the original target of P130 billion.

The original target of bringing down the deficit to zero by 2006 may also have to be pushed back by two to four years.

Camacho said the DBCC had asked the technical group to go over the simulations presented yesterday and to firm up the numbers. The group came up with deficit estimates of between P200 billion and P210 billion for this year.

"What other choice do we have? The important thing is to recognize what the realistic numbers will be for this year and in the years to come," said Camacho.

Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin, however, said the emerging deficit scenario presented by the technical group for this year was unacceptable.

"We are not convinced yet that with those numbers, so we asked them (DBCC technical working group) to do it again," the budget chief said.

Camacho said the deficit target review was the first to be undertaken under the Macapagal administration.

Boncodin said that while the economic team would focus on the fiscal numbers, the DBCC might take the opportunity to also revisit other macroeconomic targets for 2003 and the medium term.

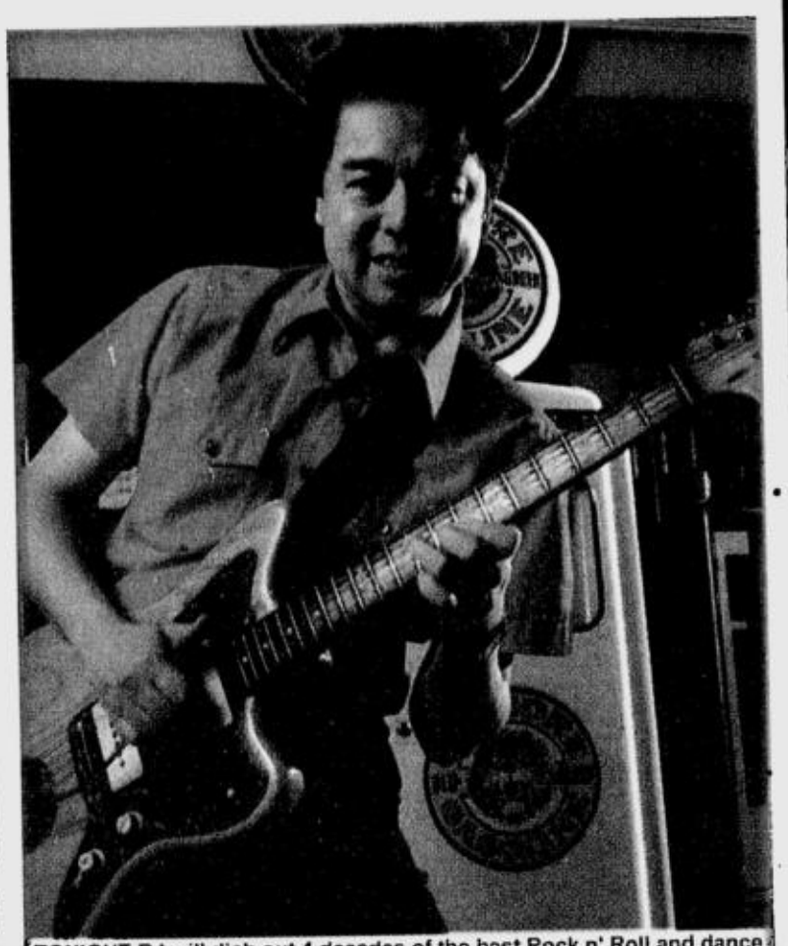
"I don't think there would be an overhaul in the targets but there would be changes. However, we will firm up the numbers next week when we meet on Monday or Tuesday," said Boncodin.

In 2003, the economic team is expecting revenues to hit P640.7 billion against expenditures of P782.8 billion leading to a deficit of P142.1 billion. But the financial markets are already anticipating another huge fiscal slippage next year of between P180 and P200 billion after the disappointing performance this year.

The government had also set a 2003 growth target of between 5 percent and 5.5 percent for gross domestic product and 5.1 percent and 5.7 percent for gross national product. It also is projecting 10-percent growth in exports and 11 percent in imports. The inflation rate target for next year was set at an average of 4-5 percent.

"Given the revenue performance this year, we may have no choice but to re-work the numbers for 2003," said Boncodin.

She stressed that the economic team must have a good picture of this year's performance before it could make adjustments on the targets for 2003 as well as for the medium term and the trend in the next five years.



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Top stars host 8th Katha Awards tomorrow night

AMBROSETTI IN MANILA
Vince Ambrosetti, the first American Catholic gospel singer, will hold a special praise and worship concert, "Healing the Family," 7 tomorrow night, Nov. 16, at the Araneta Coliseum. The concert is in celebration of Buklod ng Pag-Ibig Healing Ministry's 30th anniversary. Buklod representative Elsa Payumo greeted Ambrosetti upon his arrival last Wednesday at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.
ROGER MARGALLO

THE LOVABLE and laughable triumvirate of Tito, Vic and Joey, teams up with two of the country's well-loved and most awarded TV, movie and recording icons, Pops Fernandez and Sharon Cuneta, as hosts of the 8th Katha Awards, 7 tomorrow night at the PSC (formerly Ultra) in Pasig City.

This gathering of the so-called "giants" of TV, movie and music industries can be considered as first in any award-giving rites. APT Entertainment, which is producing the awards night, is responsible for the casting coup of hosts.

Tito, Vic and Joey were first known as singers and composers. Their mass-based crowd grew larger when they hosted the top noontime show "Eat Bulaga."

Pops, meanwhile, has won several trophies as best female TV host from the Star Awards. Sharon has likewise earned several hosting awards from the Star Awards and other award-giving bodies.

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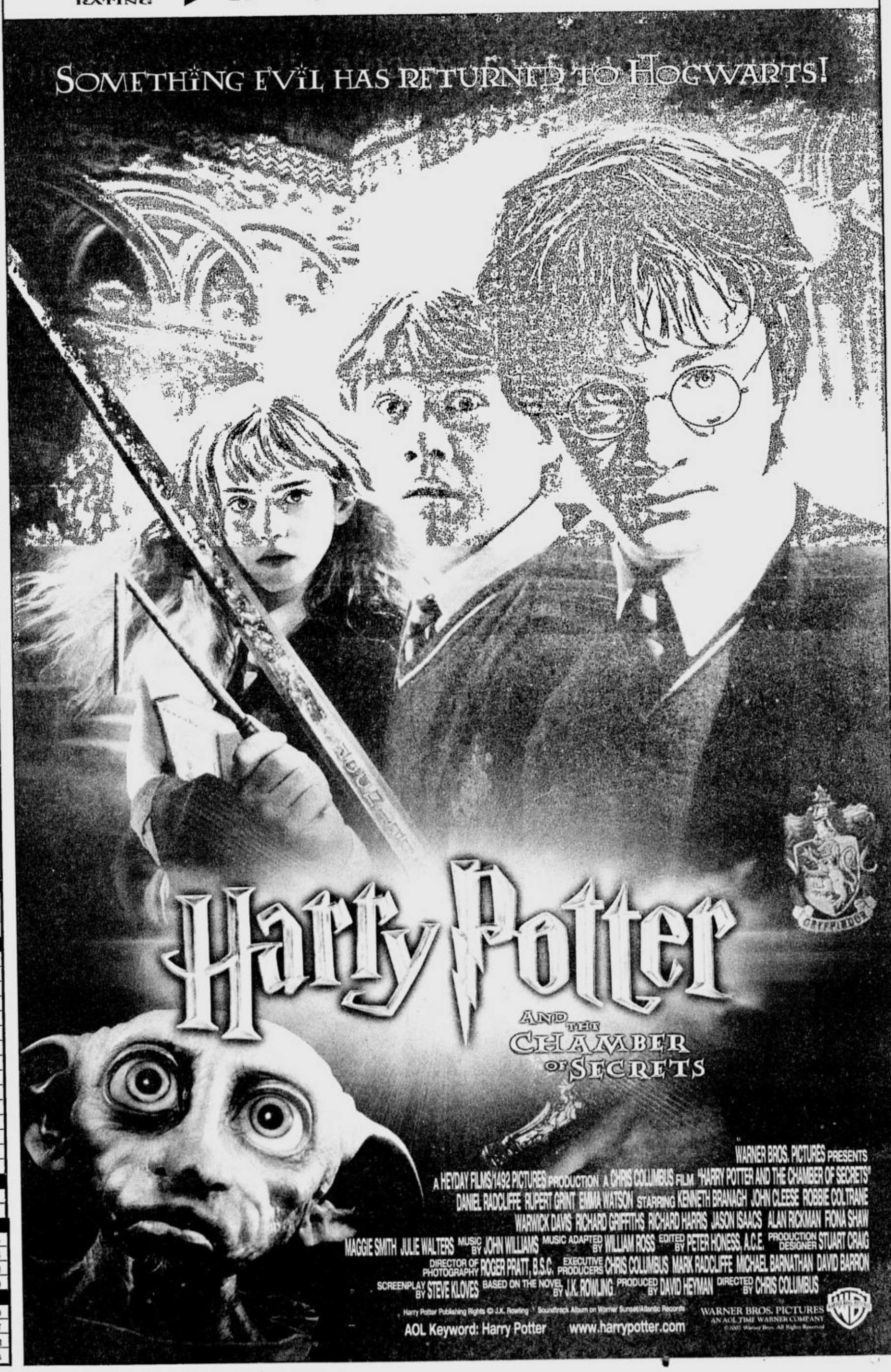

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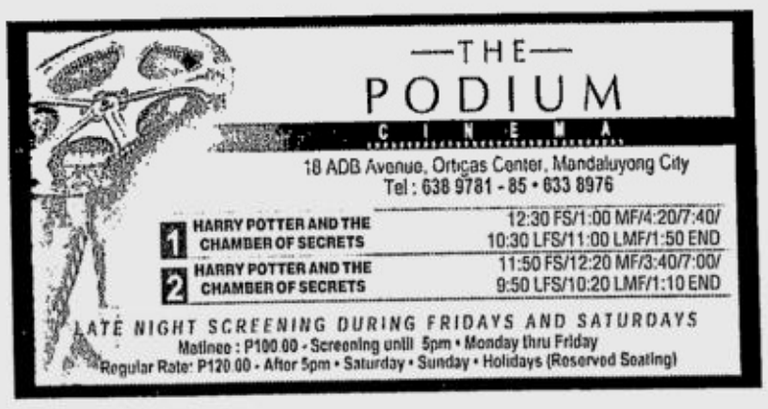

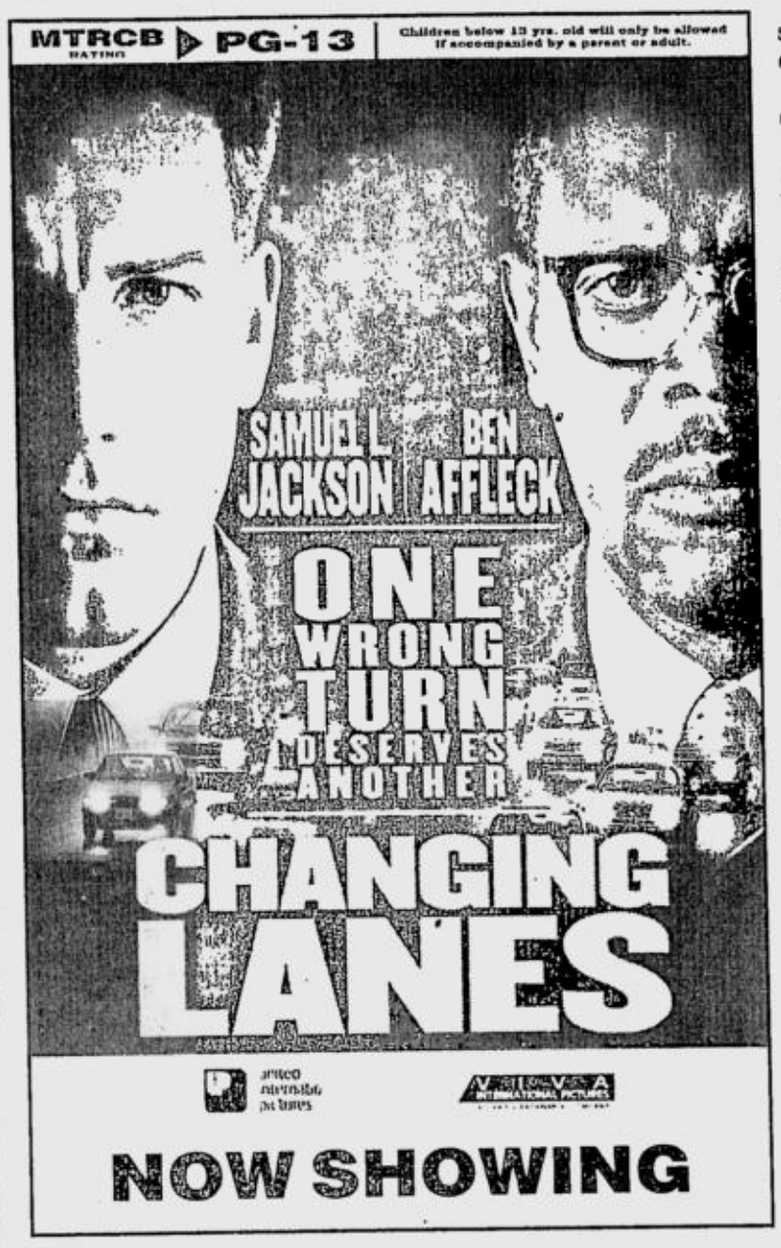

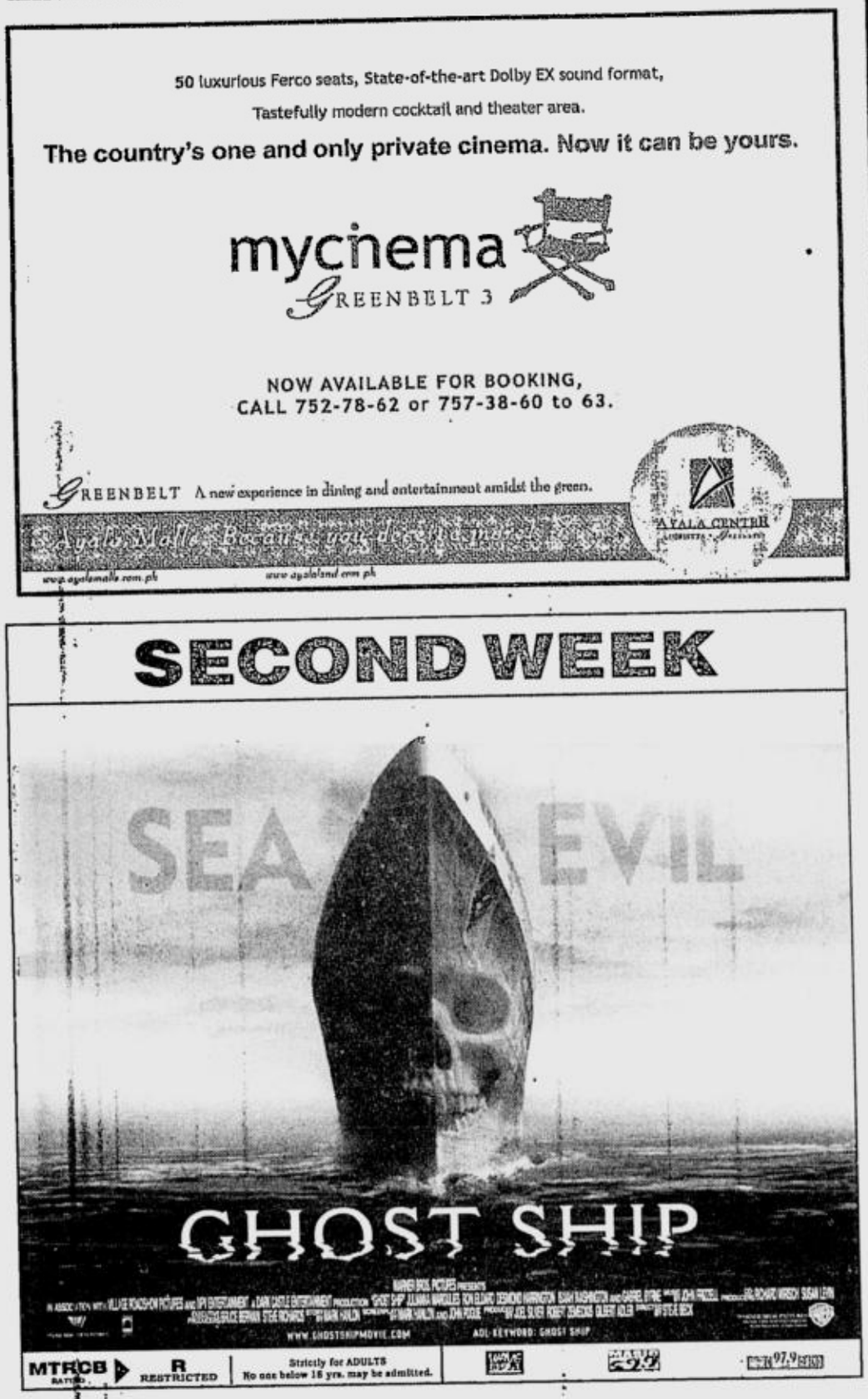

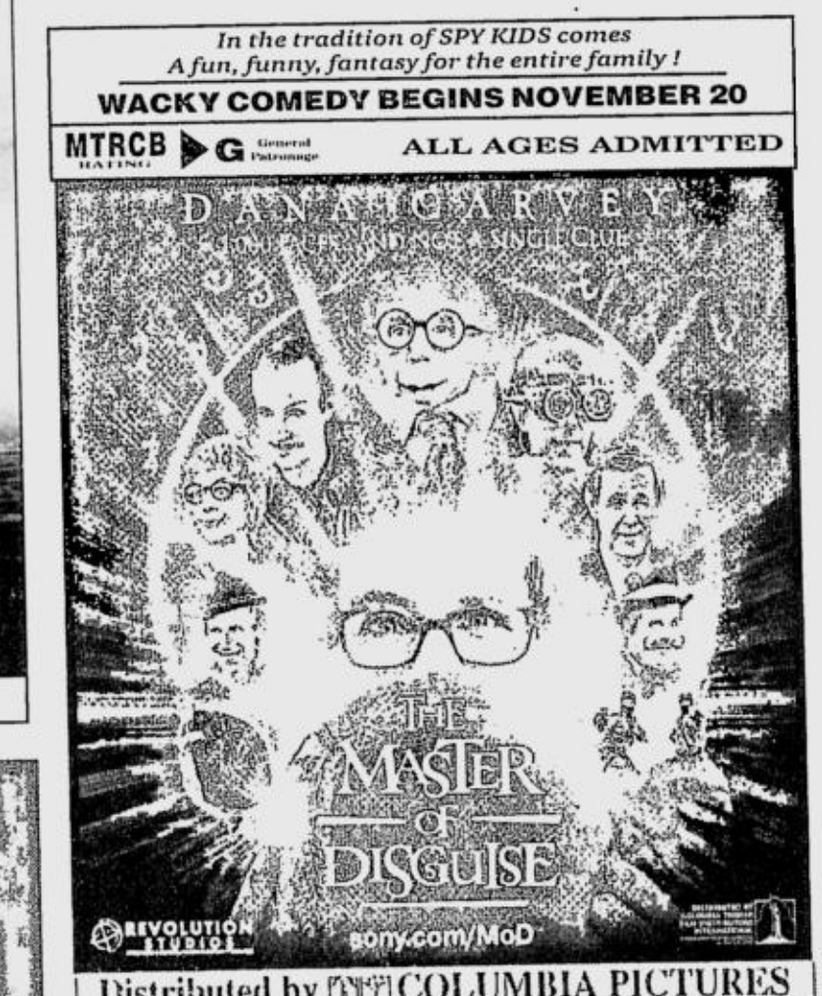

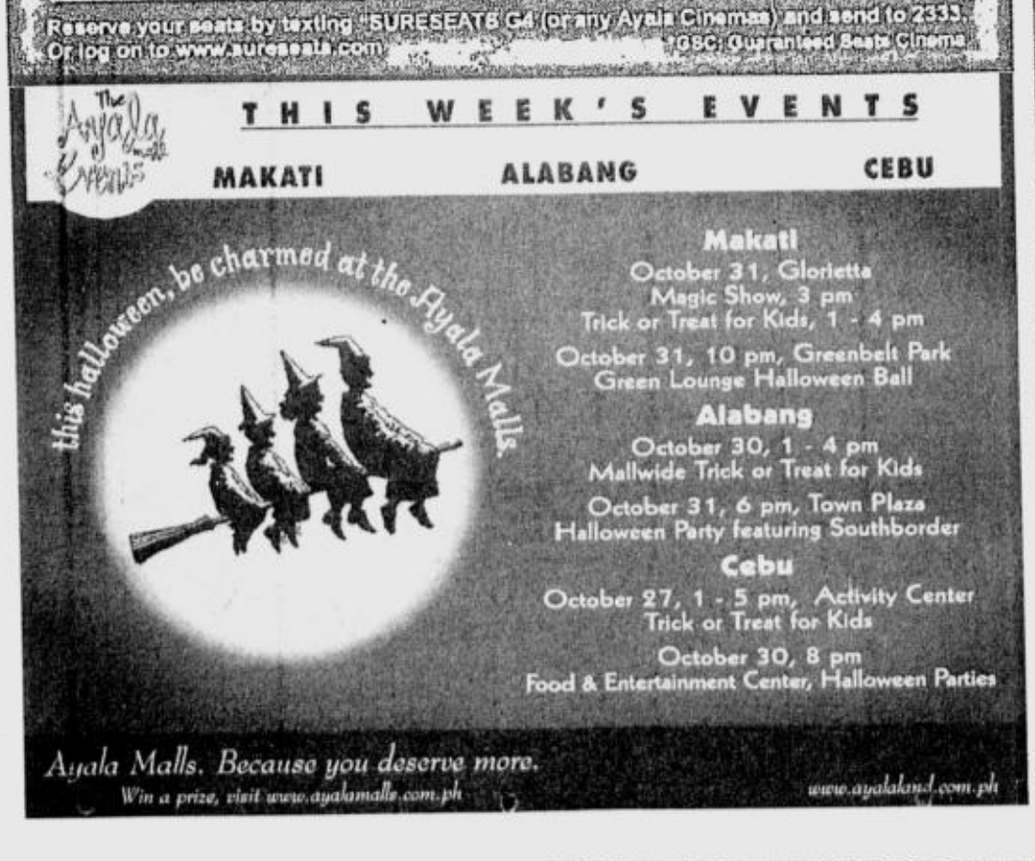

Dish bares November band lineup

HOP over to Dish at the 3rd Level of Rockwell's Powerplant Mall and revel in the exciting band line-up this month.

Croon and swoon to the soft and cool sounds of Noel Cabangon (Nov. 17 and 24) on Sundays.

Rock till you drop with the exciting sounds of Hyperbeat (Nov. 18 and 25) on Mondays.

Reminisce the '60s and '70s sounds with Spirit of '67 (Nov. 19 and 26) on Tuesdays. Wednesdays will feature Freestyle (Nov. 27).

MOG, a versatile young band that plays contemporary hits, rap and ballads, takes centerstage Nov. 21.

Overdrive renders rock tunes (Nov. 28).

Barbie's Cradle performs Nov. 22 and 29.

Enjoy Saturdays with Rage and South Border (Nov. 23) and Rage (Nov. 30).

Special features for the month are: International School of Manila's "Battle of the Bands" on Nov. 16 and 23 (finals), with tickets available at the entrance; Parokya ni Edgar and Moonstar 88 bar tour on Nov. 20 (Thursday) and two special shows of Rex Navarrete on Nov. 30 (Saturday) and Dec. 1 (Sunday).

VELASQUEZ

Regine holds concert series

HER story is stuff that today's tele-novelas are made of. Only hers really happened.

A whole generation of Filipino music lovers has been witness to how it all unfolded. And to this day, the fascination with Regine Velasquez doesn't seem to wane. Following last year's sold-out 16-night concert series, Regine returns to Makati for another series of shows at Onstage Greenbelt.

Sixteen years after she became the grand champion in "Ang Bagong Kampeon," Regine is the country's premiere music diva, queen of the pop charts and now certified box office queen of movies.

Regine's Onstage series, "Songbird Sings," focuses on her long but fruitful journey told through her own music—the songs that she has recorded in the past and music that has been associated with her.

The songs are all given a fresh twist by Regine and her musical director, Raul Mitra.

"Songbird Sings" is produced by Maxi-Media International.

Weekend treats

MILD Seven once again treats the bar-hopping crowd of Makati to two nights of unique fun and entertainment, when the gorgeous models of the Mild Seven team check out some of the hottest gimmick spots in the area.

They will visit Hard Rock Café, Streetlife, Pier One, Cable Car and Bedrock tonight; Che, Mati, Cork, Gerry's Grill, Grilla, National Sports Grill and Au Bar in Greenbelt tomorrow night, Saturday.

Last weekend, Mild Seven smokers had the rare chance to meet Mild Seven-Renault's top car racer Jenson Button in a special karting event, "XLR8 - The Mild Seven F1 Experience" at the Fort."

Lucky Mild Seven smoker Nancy Bercasio won the free trip to the 2003 Malaysian Grand Prix in the raffle.

'COMFORT ZONE'

The Center for Pop Music Philippines, Inc. will present its promising singing talent in a concert, "Comfort Zone," 7 tomorrow night, Nov. 16, at the Insular Life Auditorium in Filinvest, Alabang. The artists are Edward Arciaga, Jacqueline Arciaga, John Edward Monares, Catherine Abanto, Thea Marie Melocoton and Eimeria Elisa Duller. The concert is hosted and directed by Butch Albarracin. "Comfort Zone" is presented by Center for Pop Music (San Pedro, Laguna branch), with Dedeth Aquino as branch manager.

Benpres' Jan.-Sept. net loss increases to ₱450M

By Doris C. Dumlao

BENPRES Holdings Corp. registered a net loss of P450 million in the first nine months of the year, up from P150 million in the same period last year, on lower earnings pumped in by flagship subsidiaries.

Revenues declined by 13.6 percent to P1.48 billion, but equity in net earnings of subsidiaries and affiliates increased significantly from last year, the company reported yesterday.

The nine-month result did not reflect the losses of Bayan Telecommunications Holdings Corp. as Benpres had already provided for the write-off of its investments in the bleeding telecommunications unit last year.

With the provisions previously put up for Bayantel, the "interest and others" account increased by 142 percent to P1.29 billion from P534 million in the same period last year.

"Benpres' loss provision for Bayantel will be reviewed again by the end of 2002 when it recognizes the remaining P5 billion guaranteed liability from the convertible preferred shares issued by Bayantel," the company said.

Core subsidiary ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. contributed P1.3 billion in profit during the nine-month period, 64 percent lower than a year ago due to lower airtime revenues arising from the difficult economic environment as well as higher depreciation and interest expenses.

First Philippine Holdings Corp. yielded P1.4 billion in profit or P1.2 billion lower than a year ago despite a 22-percent growth in revenues.

Benpres is currently in discussions with its creditors for the restructuring of close to $600 million in total debts.

SM Prime posts 9% growth in 9-month profit

SM Prime Holdings Inc., the country's biggest shopping mall empire, posted a 9-percent growth in net profits to P2.83 billion in the first nine months from a year ago. The growth was within market expectations.

In a statement, the mall operator owned by retail tycoon Henry Sy said its total revenues stood at P5.79 billion as against P5.16 billion last year on the back of a 64-percent rise in interest income and other income from operations.

The nine-month earnings represent 71 percent of the P4.01 billion in profits that the market expects SMPH to achieve for the whole year.

The expansion in operating income was attributed by SMPH to lower interest expenses as a result of the redemption of its eurobonds during the first quarter of the year.

It also noted that revenues from amusement centers were up by 26 percent to P98.7 million due to additional children's activity centers in almost all its malls.

A growth in earnings is expected to be sustained with the opening of two new malls this month.

SMPH said SM City Cagayan de Oro will open today, to be followed by SM Bicutan which will open on Nov. 29.

SM Cagayan sits on a 5.9-hectare property with the mall having a floor area of 56,000 square meters while the 3.9-ha SM Bicutan has 114,000 sq.m. in gross floor space.

SMPH said it had awarded lease covering almost 100 percent of both malls.

Among the anchor stores are affiliates SM Department Store, SM Supermarket, SM Appliance Center and Surplus Shop. Both malls will also offer four deluxe state-of-the-art cinemas and the SM Food Court.

SMPH intends to build two new malls per year. It now operates 12 malls in the country.

Ex-SMFI staff barred from joining rivals

THE PASIG City Regional Trial Court issued a temporary restraining order preventing some former employees of San Miguel Foods Inc. (SMFI) from "continuing their employment or engagement with Bounty Agri Ventures Inc. and/or Tyson Agro Ventures," competitors of SMFI.

SMFI, in a statement, alleged that the individuals restrained by the court were former employees of Purefoods Corp. who "were handpicked by SMFI to hold key positions in contract growing operations, nutrition, technical services, quality control, business planning and sales of SMFI" when it acquired Purefoods Corp. which was followed by the integration of the two company's operation.

"They acquired information on the plans and strategies of" SMFI with the intention of resigning successively and joining Tyson Agro Ventures Inc. (Tyson) and its sister company, Bounty Agri Ventures Inc. (Bavi), which they subsequently did," SMFI claimed in the statement.

"As employees of Bavi and Tyson, holding positions equivalent or comparable to those they occupied at SMFI and Pure Foods, and in order to effectively discharge their present positions at Bavi and Tyson, the defendants would inevitably disclose SMFI's confidential information, trade secrets and business strategies which could result in grave and irreparable damage and harm to the business operations of SMFI," the company added.

In issuing the TRO, the court said that the affidavits presented by SMFI had shown that since confidential information, trade secrets and business strategies belonging to it were acquired by its former employees, there was a great risk that the defendants would disclose such confidential information, trade secrets and business strategies to its competitors, it added.

SMFI said irreparable harm could be presumed once a trade secret was misappropriated.

Spanish ...

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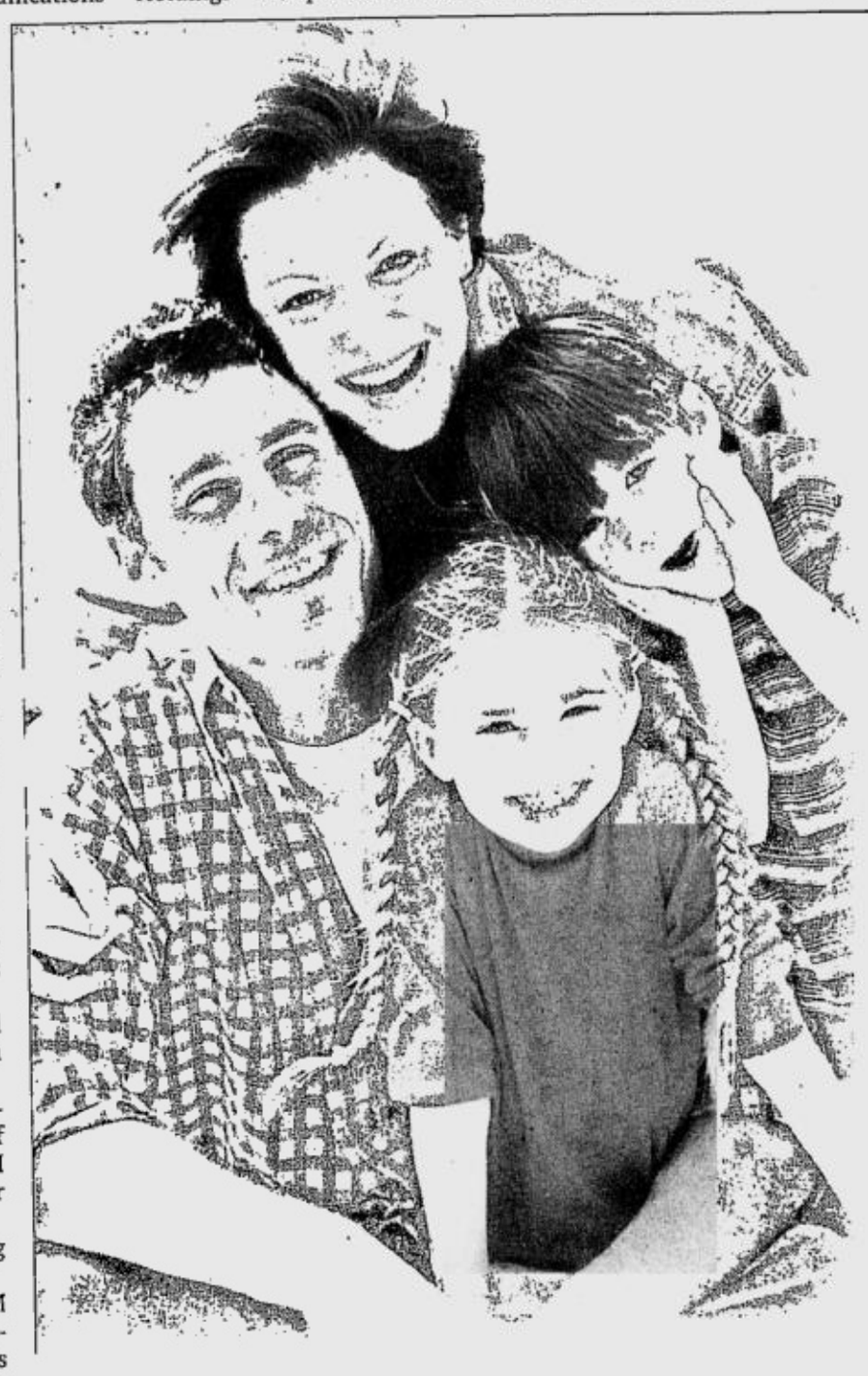
specification to more manageable size.

Last Sept. 14, the state-owned North Luzon Railways Corp. (represented by Jose Cortes Jr.) gave China National Machinery and Equipment Corp. (CNMEC) 120 days to come up with a project proposal for the development of North Rail through the rehabilitation of the Main Line North (MLN) section of the Philippine National Railways.

CNMEC has proposed to implement the project in four phases—Fort Bonifacio (multimodal station at the Bonifacio Global City) to Monumento; form Monumento to the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in Pampanga; from Angeles City, Pampanga to Dagupan City, Pangasinan; and Dagupan City to San Fernando City, La Union. *Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*



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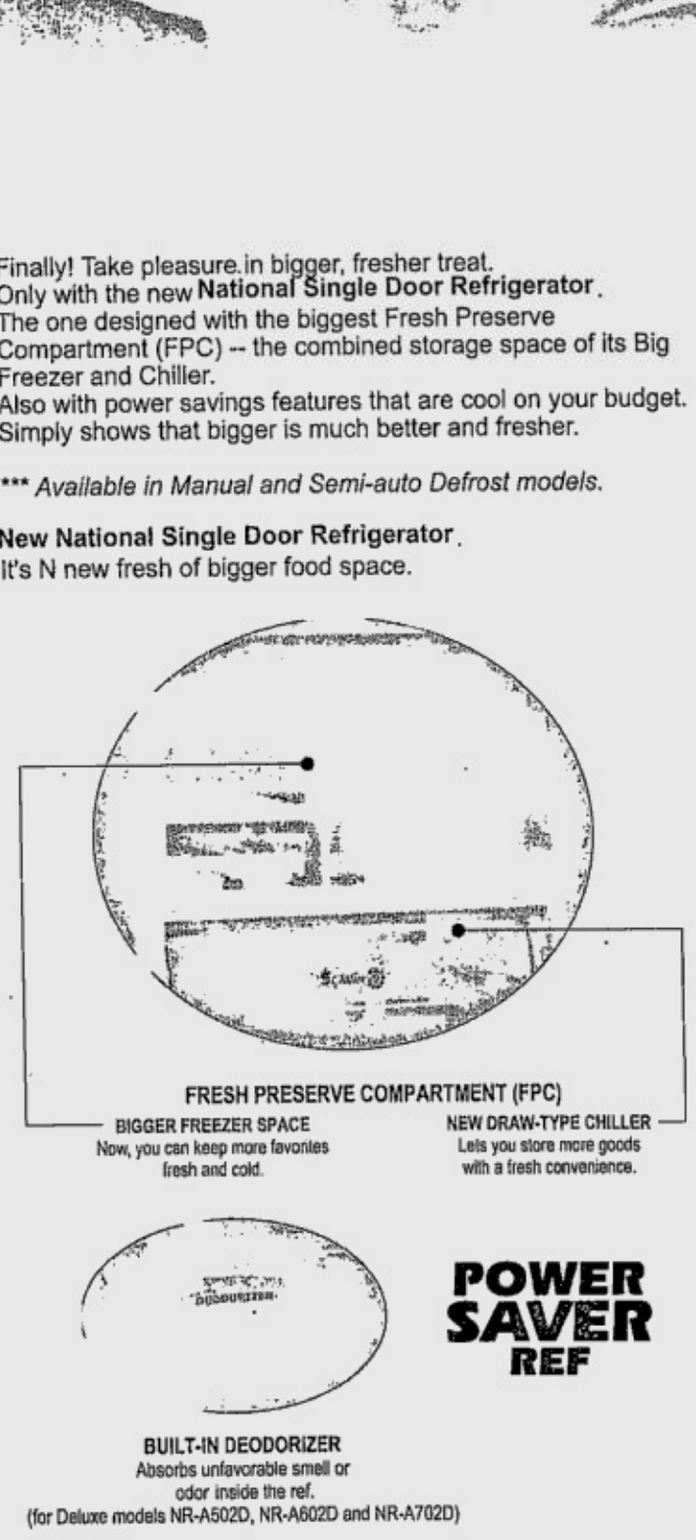

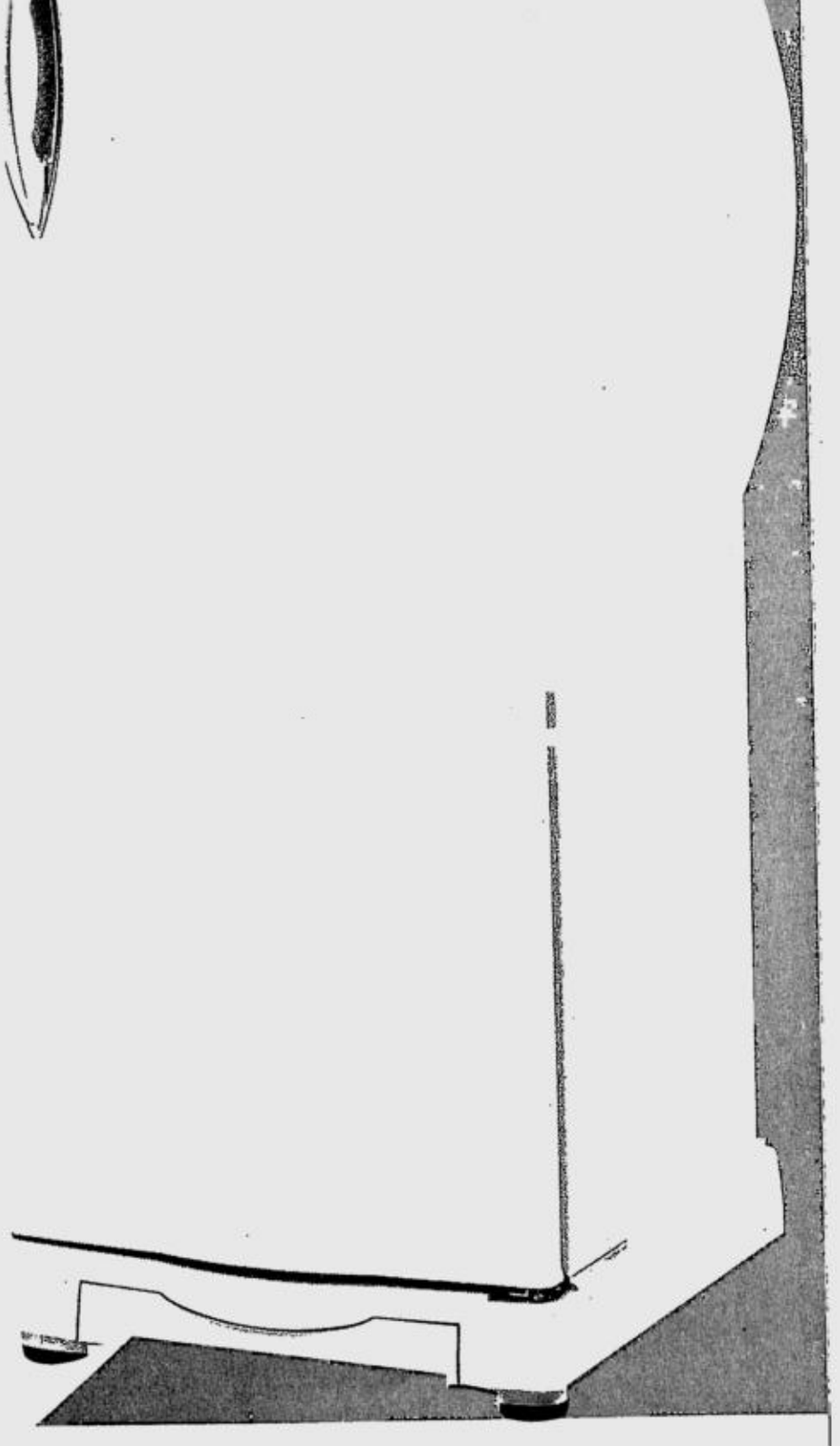

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US economy soft, not spiraling down, says Fed

WASHINGTON—Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan said on Wednesday that the US economy was weighed down by worry over possible war and falling stock prices but not by dangerous imbalances that tended to herald recession.

In a testimony before Congress' joint economic committee, Greenspan said last week's sharp interest rate cut should help the country through its "soft patch," adding that if the recovery unfolds as he expected, no more stimulus was needed.

"It is the case that while the economy is softening or stagnant, there is no evidence, at least up to the moment, that it is accelerating on the downside," the Fed chief said during questioning by lawmakers. "What we do have is a very large degree of uncertainty."

"So if I were to assume that the outlook is exactly what the most probable path is, then I would say no additional stimulus is necessary," he said, though he made clear that policymakers would not hesitate to cut rates again if they thought it was necessary.

Greenspan rejected the idea that rates were so low the US central bank was short on ammunition, saying it had plenty of "tools" it could use like buying longer-term government securities directly to put "liquidity" into the economy.

Analysts said while Greenspan's prepared remarks echoed the tone of the statement issued after the Fed's Nov. 6 meeting, his later comments struck a more optimistic note.

"Unless more shocks hit the economy in coming months, we believe the Fed is done cutting rates," said Merrill Lynch senior economist Gerald Cohen.

The veteran Fed chief's testimony coupled an explanation of the US central bank's unexpectedly steep rate cut, the first in 2002 and the 12th since last year, with an assurance that the latest policy action should offer a needed boost.

"Although economic growth was relatively well-maintained over the last year, several forces have continued to weigh on the economy," Greenspan said. He cited a slow recovery in capital spending, fallout from corporate scandals, sliding stock markets and fears about a possible US attack on Iraq.

"Over the last few months, these forces have taken their toll on activity, and evidence has accumulated that the economy has hit a soft patch," he added.

In later questioning, the Fed chief attempted to buttress the idea that the weakness was temporary and to downplay concern it could lead United States to a situation Japan faces, in which deflation—or a widespread fall in prices—drags the economy into a prolonged decline.

Clearly seeking to reassure that risks of renewed recession were low, Greenspan said: "We don't have the usual weaknesses that presage an economy going down in a cumulative manner." While the Fed chair was still testifying before lawmakers, President George W. Bush told reporters at the White House he agreed with Greenspan that the economy was in a rough spot and "bumping along" at an unacceptably weak pace.

Bush, whose Republican party won control of both houses of Congress in Nov. 5 elections, said he wanted to discuss new ways to spur growth when a new Congress convenes in January. *Reuters*

GREENSPAN: Economy is soft. AP

HK bourse's CEO to quit in April

HONG KONG—The Hong Kong Stock Exchange, one of Asia's worst performing markets, said on Wednesday that its chief executive, KC Kwong, would step down in April after two years in the job.

His resignation came after the exchange was heavily criticized earlier this year for a proposal to possibly de-list small capitalized shares, which sparked a multi-million-dollar sell off in penny stocks.

"People have been expecting him to quit. The only surprise is that he announced it so many months ahead of the end of his tenure," YK Chan, an investment strategist at CEF Securities, said.

"It shouldn't have a major impact on the market. I think he's done a reasonable job," Chan said.

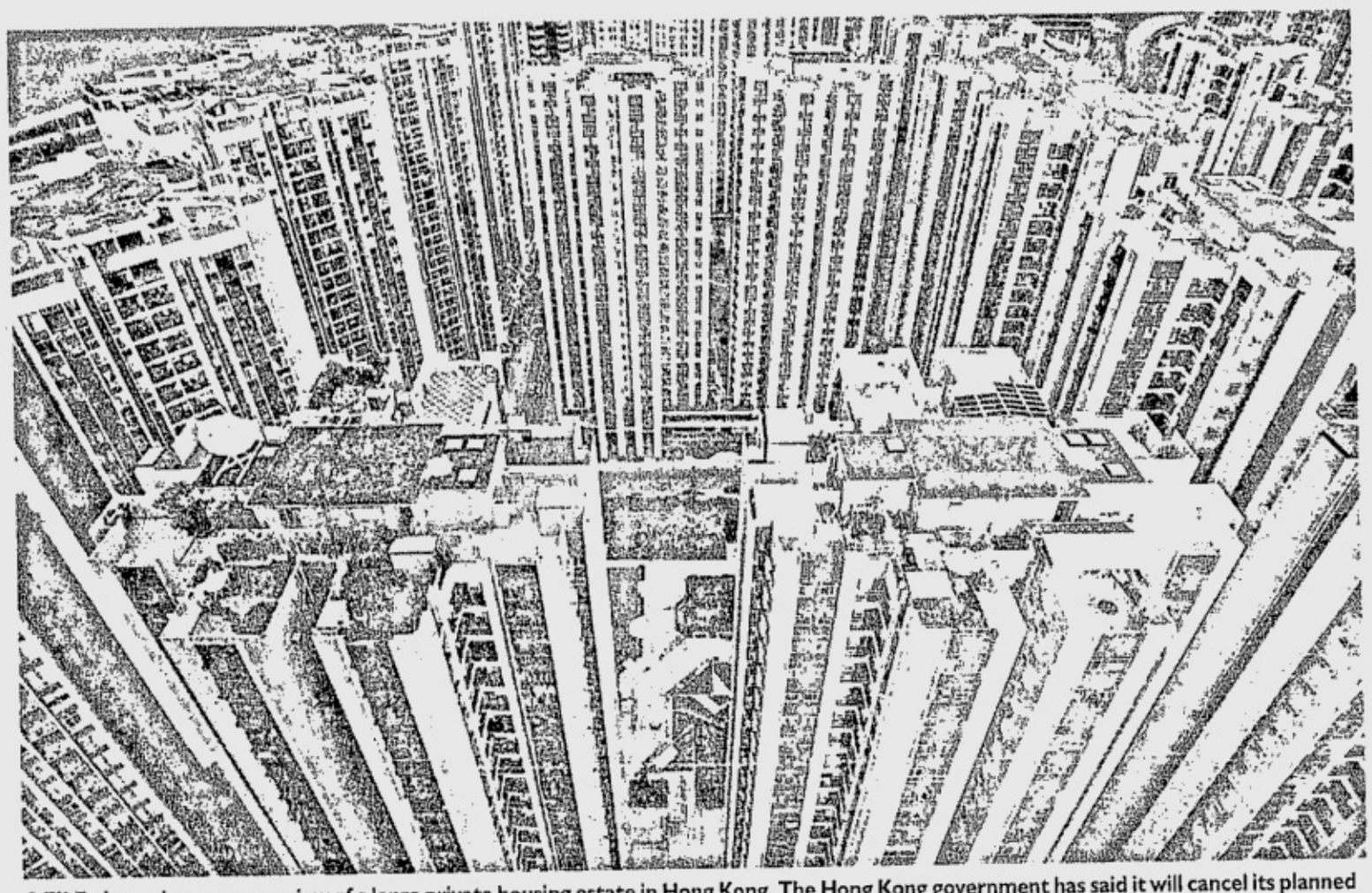
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd., which operates the Hong Kong stock exchange, said in a statement that Kwong would not renew his contract, which would expire in March, but would stay on until the annual general meeting in April.

The exchange, which became a listed company during Kwong's tenure, gave no reason why the former high ranking civil servant had decided to resign.

"We are very sorry that KC has decided not to renew his contract but we respect his decision," HKEx chair Charles Lee said in a statement.

Kwong faced calls for his resignation from investors in July after the exchange released a consultation paper on new listing rules that included a plan to possibly de-list stocks trading below HK$0.50 (6 US cents) for 30 consecutive trading days.

The proposal sparked a sell-off in small cap shares, wiping an estimated HK$10 billion ($1.28 billion) off the market. The exchange was rebuked by a government committee for not consulting the market more thoroughly before issuing the paper. *Reuters*



A FILE photo shows an overview of a large private housing estate in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong government has said it will cancel its planned land sales as part of a series of measures to prop up the sagging property market. AFP

Intel rolls out fastest yet PC chips

SAN FRANCISCO—Intel Corp. on Thursday rolled out its fastest yet microprocessor, with new technology to speed the performance of PCs and widen the gap with its nearest rival, Advanced Micro Devices Inc.

While the new 3.06-gigahertz Pentium 4 processor will lend more muscle to PCs, analysts say the new product is unlikely to jump-start stagnant PC sales.

Dell Computer Corp., Gateway Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co. and five other companies have announced computers using the new chips, which feature Intel's hyper-threading technology, which allows the processors to carry out more than one string of calculations at once.

Prices for the computers range from $1,200 to $3,000.

The chips themselves are priced at $637. *Reuters*

Japan's business head warns of bank fragility

TOKYO—The head of Japan's top business federation said in an interview with foreign media that two of the nation's top four banks would be in a "fragile" state should government plans to reform the sector be strictly implemented.

The Financial Times on Thursday reported that Hiroshi Okuda, chair of the Japanese Business Federation, believed measures proposed by Financial Services Minister Heizo Takenaka could force banks' capital below internationally required levels.

Another British newspaper, The Times, reported Okuda as saying the government would be forced to nationalize at least one of the four big banks next month, but Okuda's federation denied he had said this.

"There is no truth to the report in The Times that he mentioned anything about nationalization of the four banks," the federation said in a statement, adding that the Financial Times story was accurate.

Takenaka unveiled plans two weeks ago aimed at slashing at least 52 trillion yen ($433 billion) in bad loans held by Japan's banks, intending to implement tougher standards on bank capital and loan classifications.

Many experts dismissed the plans as watered-down, but banks had complained loudly about the reforms, and other analysts said Takenaka's plan represented a much tougher stance by the government, if it would be fully implemented.

Okuda did not identify the banks that would be the worst affected, but analysts said UFJ Holdings, the smallest of the four major banks, and Mizuho Holdings looked the most vulnerable.

The other two "big four" banks are Mitsubishi Tokyo Financial Group and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.

Bank shares were lower across the board on Thursday, but traders said the falls were a result of general pessimism over the sector's outlook rather than a reaction to Okuda's comments. *Reuters*

A JAPANESE businessman talks on a mobile phone in front of an electronic stock board in Tokyo. AP

Sony, others to launch IP cell service

TOKYO—Three of Japan's largest Internet service providers, including a unit of Sony Corp., said on Thursday that they would launch a low-cost Internet protocol phone service in Japan early next year.

Sony Communication Network Corp., NTT Communications Corp. and Nifty Corp., a Fujitsu Ltd. subsidiary and Japan's biggest ISP, said they would launch a free trial service in January and a full commercial service in March.

The service will make cut-rate phone calls available to the ISPs' combined 10 million subscribers.

A rival ISP consortium that includes NEC Corp., operator of Japan's second largest ISP, and telecoms carriers KDDI Corp. and Japan Telecom Co, is expected to launch an extensive IP phone service in Japan next April. *Reuters*

Telecoms spending to exceed $1.2 trillion in 2003

SINGAPORE—The global telecoms sector is poised to pull out of its economic slump, with worldwide spending on services forecast to exceed $1.2 trillion next year, an industry report said Thursday.

"The telecom market is ready to rebound, and an important component for recovery is next generation technologies," said Mark Winther, an analyst with technology research house International Data Corp.

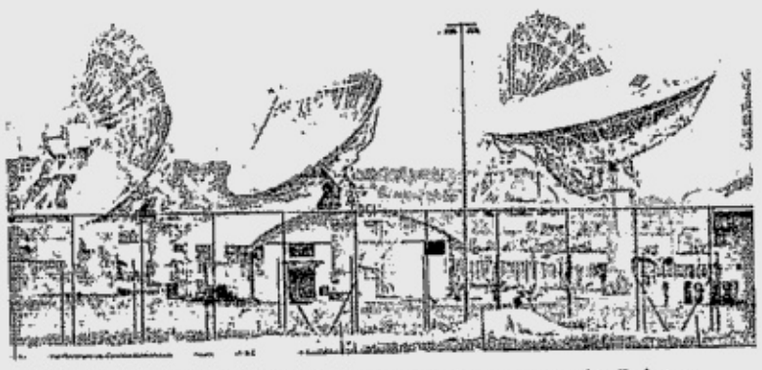
"Advancements in mobile and wireless solutions, IP telephony, and broadband will drive revenues to a whole new level," he said.

The IDC report said the dismal atmosphere in the industry created by over capacity, saturation and slumping economies was giving way to optimism spurred by expanded wireless services, increased data traffic and broadband penetration.

"Worldwide spending on telecommunications services will exceed $1.2 trillion in 2003," it said.

By 2006, revenues from wireless telecom will rise to $542 billion from $351 billion this year.

In 2006, voice stream services will generate revenues of $892 billion and $308 billion will come from data services, the report said. *AFP*



ONE of Singapore Telecom's satellite station next to the Seletar reservoir in Singapore. AFP

INVESTORS chat in front of monitors at a local securities in Taipei. Taiwan share prices closed 0.1 percent lower in modest trade as late profit-taking undercut an early technical bounce among bellwether electronics stocks. AFP

Mafia battles hand big win to Czech software firm

BRNO, Czech Republic—Tommy Angelo, a cab driver turned mafioso, makes loads of money while his Ford cruises the streets of a Chicago-like city in 1930s America.

But Tommy doesn't pocket any of the cash. Instead, it is a small, five-year-old software firm in the Czech Republic that is reaping the bounty from the gangster's deeds.

The dangerous streets of Tommy's City of Lost Heaven are a long way from the premises of software developers Illusion Softworks, the creators of Mafia, a computer game that has risen to the tops of the gaming charts in Britain, Germany and the United States a few weeks after its launch.

"Mafia was a big leap forward for us," said Petr Vochozka, the 28-year-old boss of 150 employees at Illusion Softworks, based in the city of Brno, the unspoken Czech high-tech capital.

Illusion Softworks is not an isolated, one-off business success, but it demonstrates the rapid rise of the software industry in post-Communist central and eastern Europe.

The Czech Republic and other countries in the region offer a wealth of untapped talent, including world-class technology and computer engineers.

Many investors got their fingers burned in past deals that turned sour in the wake of the dotcom crash two years ago, but some brave venture capitalists were already beginning to make the most of this talent before word gets out.

"Local companies can already compete in substance with other technology centers, even though they cannot as yet compete on perception. After all, this is still an emerging market," said Richard Seewald, a director at Springboard Technology Ventures, a Prague-based venture fund.

An increasing number of firms are being run by Western-educated local or foreign executives, often with valuable experience from careers at multinational companies. *Reuters*

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INVITATION TO A PRE-QUALIFICATION CONFERENCE AND SEALED BIDDING

Interested parties are hereby invited to **PRE-QUALIFICATION CONFERENCE** and **SEALED BIDDING** for the **SUPPLY** and **DELIVERY** of the BENECO'S **LINE HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS** for the **YEAR 2003** on a **STAGGERED DELIVERY** basis.

The **PRE-QUALIFICATION CONFERENCE** will be held on **NOVEMBER 29, 2002** at **10:00 A.M.** at the **2nd FLOOR, BENECO BLDG., KM 4, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET** where the list of materials for bidding, the technical procedures of the bidding proper and other related matters will be discussed.

SEALED BIDS must be received on or before **DECEMBER 9, 2002** at **12:00 NOON** at the **2nd FLOOR, BENECO BLDG., KM 4, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET. OPENING** of **BIDS** will be on the same date at **1:00 P.M.**

The following must be submitted during the PRE-QUALIFICATION CONFERENCE: **INCOME TAX RETURNS** for the past 3 years, **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** and **COMPANY PROFILE** and **LIST OF CLIENTS.**

Only those present during the PRE-QUALIFICATION CONFERENCE and those who were able to submit their **INCOME TAX RETURNS** for the past 3 years, **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** and **COMPANY PROFILE** and **LIST OF CLIENTS** will be considered during the BIDDING PROPER. ISO-certified manufacturers are preferred.

BENECO reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in the bids received and to accept such bid deemed most advantageous to the BENECO.

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(PDI - Nov. 8, 15 & 22, 2002)

MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC.
G/F MWSI Bldg., MWSS Complex
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City, Philippines 1100
Tel. Nos. 435-33-66, 920-5521 loc. 3600, 3616, 3615

INVITATION TO BID

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The complete bid documents can be secured at the Purchasing Department, Basement, Eng'g. Building, MWSS Compound, Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City, upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Five Hundred Pesos Only (P500.00) in the form of cash of Manager's Check payable to Maynilad Water Services, Inc.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 2% of the total bid amount.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled on **November 21, 2002**, 10:00 a.m. at Corporate Logistics Conference Room, Basement, MWSS Compound, Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City.

Bid proposal shall be submitted at the Purchasing Department on or before 4:00 p.m. of **November 28, 2002** (Thursday).

Any change in this bidding will be subject to the issuance of an Addendum to be issued by the Purchasing Department.

MWSI reserves ther ight to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any and all informalities therein, and accept the bid it deems most advantageous to the company.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education, Culture, and Sports
Third Elementary Education Project

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date: November 11, 2002
Loan No. 4108-PH
IFB No. PISU-CO/242002

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines (through the Department of Education (DEPED) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the financing of Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and delivery of School Kits to Selected Public Elementary Schools in the Philippines.
2. The Department of Education (DEPED), Project Implementation Support Unit (PISU) for Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of Standard School and Classroom Kits to Selected Public Elementary Schools in the Philippines.
3. For the purpose of this bidding, eligible bidders shall be those who have experience in the supply or selling and distribution or delivery of Standard School and Classroom Kits to public or private schools in remote areas in a developing country like the Philippines. The Purchaser will grant a margin of preference to goods manufactured in the Philippines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may inspect the bidding documents at or obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat, Ground Floor, Mabini Bldg. DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Tel. # (632) 636-65-43 or 632-13-61 local 2019.
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting **November 11, 2002** upon submission of letter of intent to the above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00).
6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank *Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods.*
7. Bids must be delivered to the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building I, Department of Education, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines, on or before 10:00 AM on **January 3, 2003** and must be accompanied by a security of not less than two (2) percent of total bid price.
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00 AM on **January 8, 2003** at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building I, Department of Education, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
9. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on **December 3, 2002**, 10:00 AM at the address indicated in paragraph 8.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Undersecretary
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Nov. 15, 17 & 20, 2002)

HOME GUARANTY CORPORATION
PROJECT MANAGEMENT/
ACQUIRED ASSETS DISPOSITION GROUP

INVITATION TO BID

The **HOME GUARANTY CORPORATION (HGC)** hereby invites offers to purchase by way of cash sealed bids on the following property/ies:

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The bidder is advised to inspect the property/ies subject of public bidding to see for himself its/their actual condition. All properties are being sold on "as is" basis. Particulars may be obtained from the Project Management/Acquired Assets Disposition Group at the 2nd Floor, Jade Building, 335 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City or call **752-5326** or **751-3808**.

Sealed bids must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on **November 20, 2002** at the HGC Head Office, Ground Floor, Jade Building, 335 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

THE CORPORATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL OFFER, TO WAIVE ANY DEFECTS THEREIN OR TO ACCEPT SUCH OFFERS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CORPORATION.

(Sgd.) RAFAEL DELOS SANTOS
Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - Nov. 15, 16 & 17, 2002)

INQUIRER
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By BONG BARRAMEDA

Weight and see

Q. Is it true that a pound of feathers is heavier than a pound of gold?

A. Yes -- because there are two systems for measuring weight. One is the avoirdupois pound, which contains 16 ounces. The other is the troy-weight pound, containing only 12 ounces. Feathers, and most other large and course commodities, are measured by the avoirdupois system. Gold and other precious metals and stones are measured by the troy system. Thus, a pound of feathers actually weighs four ounces more than a pound of gold.

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WORD WATCH

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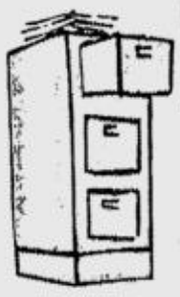

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on November 6, 2002

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Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

ELEANOR D. LEONEN

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, extended help and assistance, and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

We have given back to the Lord
His loving gift to us.

Satramdas V. Sadhwani

January 1, 1912 – November 1, 2002

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all who condoled with us in the hour of our bereavement. Thank you for sending flowers, offering prayers, sitting vigil, attending the wake and cremation and providing much needed comfort at the loss of our beloved Dada.

We will always treasure your thoughtfulness in our hearts.

Kishni S. Sadhwani
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Our Dearly Beloved

CARMEN CARPIO SANTOS

Now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the 10th day of November 2002 at the age of 82.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, November 17, 2002 after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at the Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu Church, San Mateo, Rizal.

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
John 14:6

FANNY SANCHEZ DIMAANO
of Ilagan, Isabela & Manila
died on November 11, 2002
at the age of 86.

Her bereaved children **Edgardo & Isabel, Eduardo "Ned" & Claudia,** and **Vida Ethel;** grandchildren **Yokoy, Mabel, Marie, Nessa & Ria;** other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at Funeraria Paz, Inc., Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Cremation will be on November 17, 2002 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."
Matthew 10:39

Angelina M. Ponce

Died in the Grace of our Lord on November 13, 2002 at the age of 86.

Her loving husband **Tomas G. Ponce Sr.**; children **Editha, Beatrice** and **Reynaldo, Tomas Jr.** and **Linda, Andres** and **Teresita, Margarita Vanguardia**; grandchildren **Erica Angela, Ryan Martin, Kristin Ann, Eileen & Sebastian, Jason, Adam, Sarah, Herbert, Henry Philip** and **Ma. Anthea**; together with relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence, Sapang Putol, San Ildefonso, Bulacan.

Interment will be on Saturday, November 16, 2002, 2:00 p.m. at the Infinito Memorial Park, San Juan, San Ildefonso, Bulacan.

La Consolacion Funeral Service.

Our Dearly Beloved

Jocelyn Toring Elamparo

Peacefully joined our Lord

On November 12, 2002 at the age of 26

Her bereaved parents, Jovenal & Celia Toring; husband, Rundolf; brothers Harold, Eugene & Stephen; sister in-laws Rosalie & Ivy and all relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at St. Therese Chapel, Indiana Aerospace University (IAU) Town Center, Basak, Lapu-Lapu City.

Interment will be on Nov. 17, 2002
After the 2:00 P.M. Mass
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His remains will lie at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City on November 17-20, 2002.

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Australia, US agree to start talks on free trade

CANBERRA—The United States agreed on Thursday to start talks with key agricultural rival Australia on a long-awaited free trade pact that could boost the Australian economy by A$4 billion ($2 billion) annually.

Canberra has been pushing for several years for such a deal with the United States, its second largest trading partner, which may open up lucrative agricultural markets, particularly for its beef, sugar, dairy and lamb farmers.

But it was only this week that the powerful US farm lobby dropped its opposition to opening up trade with Australia, a key rival on farm matters but a major ally in the US-led war on terror, in a bid to boost their $20-billion-a-year two-way trade.

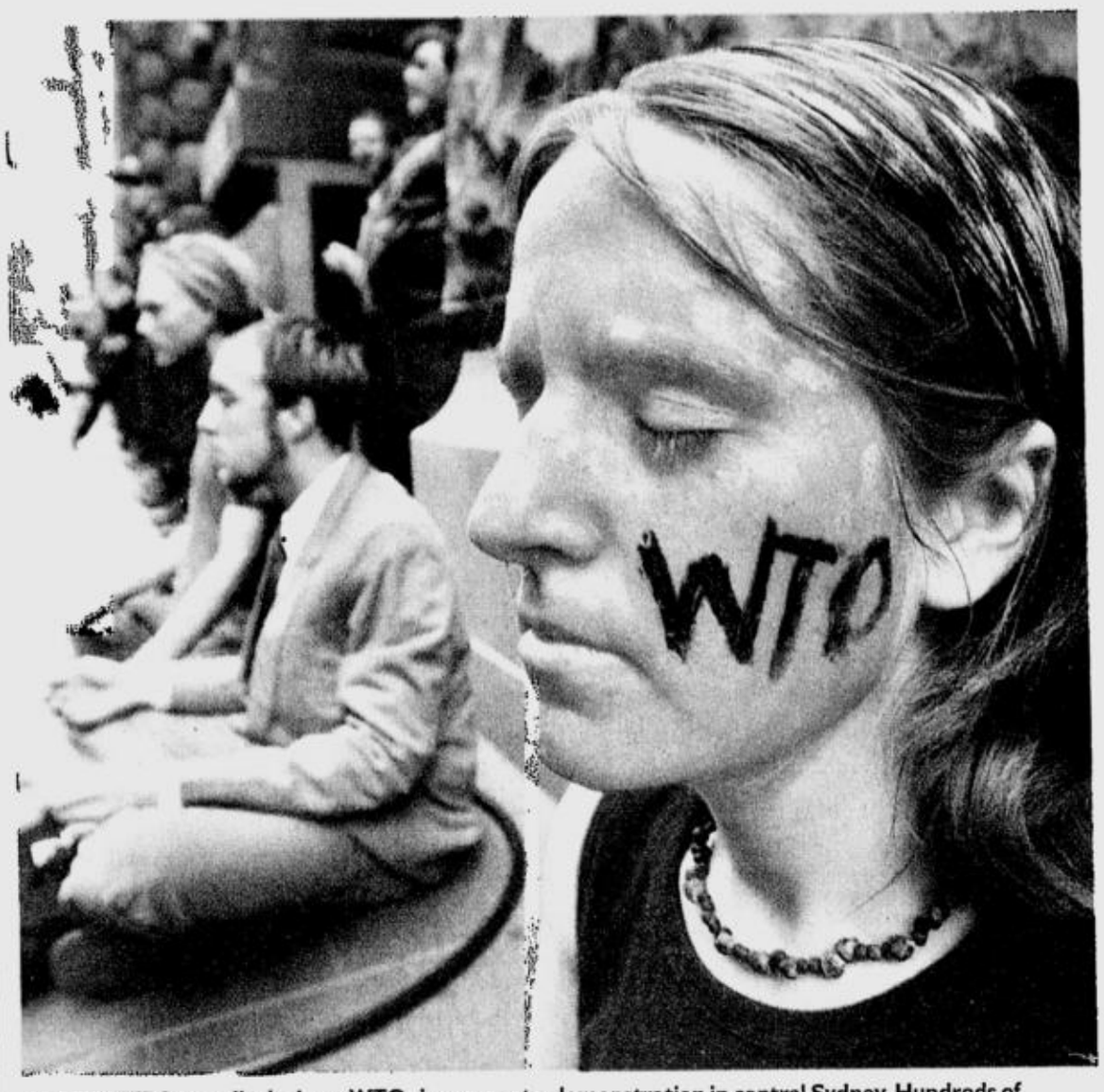
Washington's movement on the pact was viewed by some as a reward for Australia, one of the most vocal supporters of the United States, and came as the Bush administration sought to garner support for any attack on Iraq.

However, US Trade Representative Bob Zoellick denied the talks aimed to curry favor or reward Australia, one of the most vocal supporters of Bush's terror campaign, but said stronger trade ties would aid other areas.

"We believe this can do a lot for both economies," he told a news conference in Australia to announce President George W. Bush had approved the talks.

The negotiations are expected to begin in March 2003, after the White House gives Congress the required 90 days notice on the talks, with hopes to seal a deal within 18 months.

"I see this agreement as a building block to a stronger economic and political relationship," said Zoellick, who is in Australia for a meeting of world trade ministers in Sydney. *Reuters*



PROTESTERS, one displaying a WTO sign, mount a demonstration in central Sydney. Hundreds of demonstrators disrupted traffic in an anti-globalization and anti-war protest ahead of a meeting of world trade ministers on Friday. AFP

WorldCom's new chief executive faces a very long list of challenges

NEW YORK—WorldCom Inc.'s new chief executive will have a long "to do" list.

As former Hewlett-Packard Co. president Michael Capellas prepares to assume the helm at scandal-plagued WorldCom, he faces challenges such as booting board members and top officers linked to the old management regime, restoring credibility on Wall Street even as the extent of the accounting problems remain unknown, and stopping the exodus of customers.

And that's just in his first few weeks, analysts said.

"The biggest challenge is that he's dealing with distrust from the people on Wall Street," said Frank Dzubeck, head of media consultancy Communications Networks Architects. "It order to fix distrust you have to make radical moves, and make them quickly."

WorldCom's creditors' committee on Wednesday was set to approve Capellas as CEO and chair of the No. 2 US long-distance telephone company, and an announcement could be made as early as Thursday, according to media reports.

CAPELLAS: Has a long "to-do" list. AFP

"He's not a growth-oriented guy. Because he comes from a fiscally conservative background, he's not as risk-oriented as others in the industry. If I was on the board and looking for someone to come in and stabilize WorldCom and sell it, I'd look for someone like Capellas," Dzubeck said.

Fresh from the hard-won merger of HP and Compaq, Capellas is no stranger to deal-making and hard work. But WorldCom, which filed the world's largest bankruptcy in July, offers particular risks.

Clinton, Mississippi-based WorldCom and energy company Enron Corp. have become household synonyms for fraud and corporate malfeasance run amok. Details of its accounting scandal, which so far tops $9 billion, and investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and congressional committees, continue to fill newspapers daily.

To fix the problems of the past, the company has hired restructuring experts, and named new board members. But more must be done to convince customers not to flee to traditional industry stalwarts like AT&T Corp. and sway Wall Street to trust a company whose shareholders lost $140 billion in value, analysts said. *Reuters*

Siemens predicts challenging new year

FRANKFURT—Siemens on Wednesday forecast declining business volumes for the current year after reporting a tough final quarter for the year just ended, though it stuck by all but two of its operating margin targets for its different businesses.

"Fiscal 2003 will be a year of challenges," Siemens chief executive Heinrich von Pierer said.

"We expect that this will lead to persistent weak investment sentiment in our important industries and regional markets especially telecommunications and power."

The electronics and engineering giant—with interests ranging from light bulbs to mobile phones, gas turbines and trains—reported a net profit of just 53 million euros in its fourth quarter ended Sept. 30, dragged down by restructuring charges of 1.068 billion euros.

Sales and orders were down 13 percent.

Earnings before interest and tax from operations including charges came in at 176 million euros from a loss of 130 million a year earlier.

Siemens booked a gain of 442 million from the sales of businesses, primarily Unisphere Networks.

Analysts had expected weak earnings and a muted outlook. *Reuters*

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Education consultancy firm sends off 30 students to UK

THIRTY Filipino students were recently feted by Mentor International in a send-off party, celebrating the start of their academic journey in pursuit of a foreign degree.

Mentor International is an education consultancy firm that provides Asian students with free and reliable advice on studying overseas. With substantial support from British and Australian universities, Mentor International has an extensive list of affiliate universities that match the requirements of applicants with regard to location, programs and budget levels.

The send-off party was attended by the British Ambassador Paul Dimond, The British Council director Gill Westaway, Thames president Vivienne Tan and Christine Sanger, education supervisor of Mentor International.

"Having a foreign degree is very important and it's really an edge since companies often prefer to hire somebody who studied abroad," says Sanger. "With a degree from an overseas university, you get high quality education plus the experience of living and studying in a foreign country. In addition, the exposure to foreign cultures and education broadens your horizons and ultimately makes you grow as a person," she adds.

According to Westaway, the United Kingdom is becoming an alternative choice of Filipino students who want a foreign degree. "The United Kingdom is a very safe place to stay and study since everything is orderly and regulated. It is the gateway to Europe and will provide students with a wide learning experience, which would help them maximize their potentials to the fullest," she says.

With Britain being multi-ethnic with 275 languages spoken, Dimond says Filipinos won't have a hard time settling in. "We are very much delighted that these students have chosen the United Kingdom for their education since Europe is highly relevant to the Philippines, being your country's biggest investor. It is our hope that after their studies, the students will come back to the Philippines, share their experiences and encourage others to get a UK education."

The UK, says Sanger, is an alternative choice for pursuing a degree abroad. Like Australia or New Zealand, the United Kingdom offers academic options that are usually cheaper and better than most schools in the United States. Unfortunately, Filipinos know little about universities in these countries," Sanger says.

This is where education consultancy comes in. "Finding a university is not an easy task. Mentor International provides consultancy on where a person can study abroad and also places them in the universities," says Sanger. "We also provide assistance on what kind of program an aspiring student can take. This depends on their academic profile, work experience and future plans."

As for the cost of studying abroad, Sanger says not all good schools are expensive. In the United Kingdom, for example, universities have very similar tuition. To help students, Mentor International also offers financing through Standard Chartered bank for loans of as much as P1 million with no collateral or deposit required.

"Consultations are free and always happen on an individual basis," Sanger says. "We send the application, follow-up on the status, book the accommodations, give pre-departure briefings and advice on securing a student visa. Basically, we are a one-stop shop for students who want to study abroad."

On Nov. 18, Mentor International will have an interview day with the following universities: Oxford Brookes University (UK), Middlesex University (UK), University of Sunderland (UK), Curtin University of Technology (Aus), Central Queensland University (Aus), University of Syndey (Aus), University of Southern Queensland (Aus) and University of Canterbury (New Zealand).

Interviews are strictly by appointment. Interested applicants may call 687-0938, or fax 687-0939 or e-mail dcastillo@mentor.com.ph.

RCM-LEGAZPI HONORS GUZMAN

The Rotary Club of Makati-Legazpi, led by its president, lawyer and author Rodelo 'Rodd' Poltan, presents a special award and memento to Marian Lucy S. Guzman (center), former president of the Rotary Club of Makati-Bonifacio and now Rotary International (RI) District 3830 chair for New Generations Conference. Guzman spoke before the General Membership Meeting of RC Makati-Legazpi held recently at Caffé Maestro on the subject of 'The New Generations' and emphasized the importance of values formation for the youth. Shown with Poltan and Guzman are (from left) RCM-Legazpi's past president and RI District 3830 assistant governor Patty Chiong, the club's incoming president Elda Dizon, rotarian Martin Schibli, TV personality Cory Quirino, Leodora M. Kordek, Rotary International's coordinator for club and district assistance, Asia Pacific, district coordinating committee chair for club service and president of Eagle Express Group Inc. Angelito 'Lito' Colona, and RCM-Legazpi charter secretary and former president Cesar 'Bobby' Castro, practicing ICT consultant.

Abanao Square opens

THE PEOPLE of Baguio have another reason to feel on top of the world. They are excited about the grand opening of the Abanao Square on Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. Located at the heart of the busy district of Abanao and Zandueta Streets, Abanao Square brings in a young and contemporary flavor to mall shopping in the city. The 5-story edifice houses a mix of Metro Manila mainstays with their first stores in Baguio, and famous Baguio establishments. Gadget and computer buffs will enjoy the cell phone and electronics center, an Internet café, and network gaming stations. Among the celebrities expected to grace the affair are Roxanne Barcelo, Chynna Ortaleza, Paolo Ballesteros and Sherwin Ordonez. A celebrity motorcade and fireworks display promise to liven up the official welcome of Abanao Square.

IBM, RCS SIGN TRAINING PROVIDER AGREEMENT

IBM Philippines Inc. and Right Computer Systems Inc. (RCS) recently signed an IBM learning services authorized training provider agreement. IBM authorizes RCS to conduct IBM AS/400 iSeries Server courses through its IBM certified instructors. With this, IBM aims to make more quality education available to customers. Shown are IBM and RCS representatives, seated from left, Eric F. Cruz, IBM business innovation services country executive, Joaquin E. Quintos IV, IBM president and GM, Alfredo L. Nubla, RCS chair and CEO, and Victor V. Francisco Jr., RCS VP for operations. Standing, from left, are Kathleen A. Zeta, IBM learning services engagement manager, Elizabeth Tirona Pangan, IBM business partner relationship manager, Agnes A. Africa, IBM learning services manager, and Richard S. Costes, RCS division manager for technical support.

Meat firm introduces revolutionary hotdog

CDO-FOODSPHERE Inc. has introduced a new product in a bid to become a major player in the highly competitive processed meat market.

The company officially launched CDO Bibbo! Hotdog to increase its market share in the multibillion-peso hotdog business.

Ed Reataza, CDO-Foodsphere's vice president for sales and marketing, said the launching signifies the company's serious move to break into a product category which has long been dominated by giant food conglomerates.

The hotdog category is dominated by Purefoods and RFM with a combined share of more than 70 percent.

"We are the 'David' of the industry, but we are quite optimistic that we can slug it out with competition," said Reataza, banking on CDO Bibbo! Hotdog as the key to the company's better access to the hotdog market.

Supporting this aggressive effort is a revolutionary product and well-oiled distribution machinery. Marketing manager Jon Bendicion said, "We have introduced a nutritious hotdog different from other hotdogs in the market. The product is the end-result of a three-year research and product development."

The product has enriched Inulin Fiber, a breakthrough ingredient and the latest discovery in food science that will help kids be healthier and more alert. Kids are the dominant consumers of hotdogs.

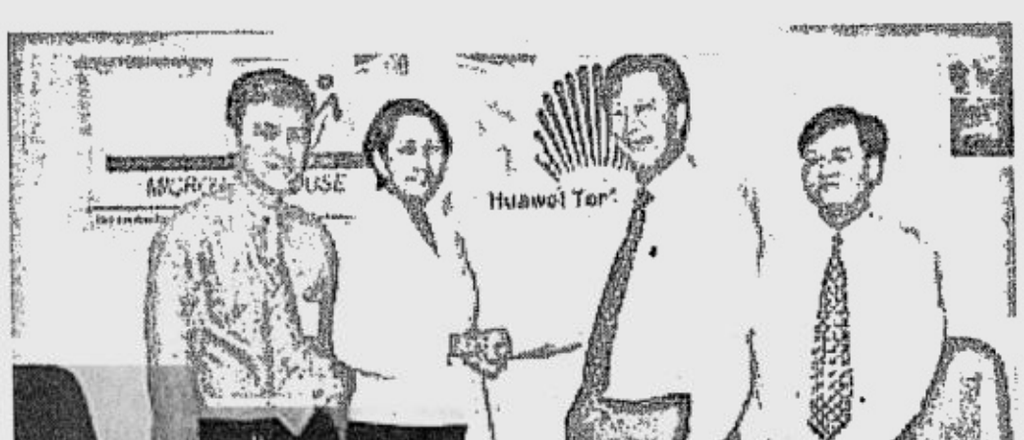
The hotdog business, according to statistics, eats up 60 percent of the more than P12-billion fresh processed meats industry, growing at an average of 15 percent per year.

Bendicion expressed confidence that with a good product and equally good marketing support, the 27-year-old meat processor would grab shares.

"There will be a lot of exciting marketing efforts to come. Industry trends will never be the same again," said Bendicion, referring to promotional activities lined up for the brand.

Hotdog has been the most exciting business in the processed meat industry. The category is segmented according to cost affordability, namely premium, mid-range and low cost. The bulk of the business is equally shared by the premium and low cost segments, sharing 40 percent each.

Hotdog's versatility of use is the foremost advantage of the product over other categories like ham, native delicacies and bacon.



MICROWAREHOUSE PARTNERS WITH HUAWEI TECH

Microwarehouse Inc., a premier distributor of top networking and mobile computing products, continues to expand its business as it signed a new distributorship contract with Huawei Technologies, one of China's leading manufacturers of data communications equipment. Shown at the recent contract signing, from left, are Eric Sulit, Microwarehouse sales manager, Cynthia Veloria, Microwarehouse president, Patrick Wen Qun, Huawei Technologies Philippines chief representative officer, and Phillip Gan, Huawei Technologies Philippines product manager.

WWF WELCOMES CONSERVATION CIRCLE PARTNERS

WWF-Philippines, the conservation organization, welcomes its first batch of Conservation Circle partners. The Circle is composed of companies that have linked up with WWF's membership card, extending special discounts and privileges to all individual supporters of WWF. The first companies and their representatives include (from 2nd left) Aquaventure Reef Club and Dive Shop represented by Jun Sarmiento. Natural Born Klubbers (NBK) by Teddy Dario, Mobile 1 by Eugenio Villanueva, Eagle Point Resort by Rafael Francisco, Enchanted Kingdom by Dennis Cruz, Play Underground by Shane Puzon, and Shiraz Wine Lounge by Anton Gonzales. Other Conservation Circle partners are Bookmark Inc., Filipino Bookstore, and Papemelroti. Welcoming the group is WWF's membership services officer Marga Espiritu (left)

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Grand Wine Experience 2

THE BIGGEST and grandest wine tasting event in Southeast Asia is back. The Grand Wine Experience 2 promises to be an even bolder celebration of fine wines and culinary pleasure. Ralph's Wines & Spirits, in cooperation with Rustan's Stores Specialists Inc., Bulgari, Starbucks Coffee, Shopwise and Royal Subic Duty Free, is bringing back this momentous event on Friday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m. at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila. Close to 33 different wines from the finest vineyards and wineries from 12 countries will be showcased for endless tasting with the widest array of delectable cuisine especially prepared by the chefs of The Peninsula Manila. For particulars, call Ralph's Wines & Spirits at 832-2523, 831-9876, 513-9676 to 77, or visit Ralph's Wines & Spirits branches all over Metro Manila.

Great future for Nu Skin

NU SKIN Philippines Inc., one of the major players in multi-level marketing, will be conducting a Success Seminar to introduce the multi-level marketing business and provide corporate information to interested parties. Dubbed "Nu Skin: The Future is Clear Success Seminar," the event is set for Nov. 16 (Saturday) at the Grand Ballroom of the New World Renaissance Hotel in Makati City. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Ticket price is P150. The Success Seminar will also have special recognition program for pin advancements, awardees and achievers. There will also be the Business Exposition at 1 p.m. where Nu Skin will be showcasing its premium skin care line and nutritional supplements. For inquiries, call Nu Skin Philippines Inc.'s distributor hotline at 689-0333, or log on to www.nuskin.com.ph.

Holistic Circle's free seminars

HOLISTIC Circle, in coordination with The Philippine College for the Advancement in Medicine (PCAM) will be holding a free seminar on meditation, Qigong and balanced nutrition on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lectures are specifically designed for health enthusiasts and those with hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, bowel disorders and cancer. Holistic Circle is a center for wellness, offering complementary and alternative medical treatments fully run by medical and naturopathic doctors. Holistic Circle also offers a health spa for people searching for relaxation, stress management and tranquility. The Holistic Circle also offers acupuncture, foot spa/reflexology, body therapeutic massage, sauna, and whirlpool ozonated baths. Holistic Circle is at the 5th level of the SM Megamall Building A. For more information, call 634-7271.

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BUSINESS

RP competitiveness plunges on poor business climate, graft

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

FOR the second straight year, the Philippines lost ground in the World Economic Forum's global competitiveness index.

The country suffered poor ratings for its business environment, infrastructure and government performance.

Based on the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report, the Philippines ranked 61st among 80 countries in growth competitiveness, its lowest position since the list first came out in 1994.

The WEF's growth competitiveness index measures an economy's capacity to achieve sustained growth in terms of gross domestic product per capita in five years.

The index takes note of public institutions, macroeconomic environments (credit ratings, inflation, interest rate and budget deficit) and technology.

The Philippines lost 13 places from its No. 48 position last year, the biggest decline in the region, putting it third to last among Asian countries.

The only countries in Asia trailing the Philippines were Vietnam, which was in 65th place, and Indonesia, which was No. 67.

The Philippines also lost 12 places from No. 36 last year, as the abrupt change in administration failed to impress competitiveness watchers.

From 1994 to 2000, the Philippines' competitiveness ranking ranged between No. 31 and No. 36.

The Makati Business Club, which disclosed the report, said the low rating for public institutions, specifically the government's failure in stepping up borrowings and controlling the budget deficit, contributed to the country's steep slide.

The group said the Philippines ranked eighth in terms of additional costs on businesses due to bribes to steer state policies, laws and regulations.

The MBC also noted that the Philippines remained "globally uncompetitive" in terms of infrastructure and eroding competitiveness in technology.

It said the WEF's report scored the country for its lack of sophistication in production processes, capacity for innovation and limited distribution channels. These factors were important in the face of shifting mode of competition from comparative advantage-low-cost labor and natural resources—to competitive advantage—unique products and processes.

DTI tightens price tag rules

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry has issued more restrictive and updated rules on the price tag law, that should prompt retailers to be more transparent and accurate on pricing their goods.

The DTI issued Department Administrative Order No. 9 that laid down the specific content, size and placement of price tags and shelf prices that would guide businessmen in marking their goods.

Trade and Industry Undersecretary Adrian Cristobal Jr. said the DAO would strengthen and update the Consumer Act of the Philippines, which required retailers to have visible placement of price tags for specific consumer products and services.

The DTI had to beef up its rules in view of rising complaints by consumers regarding the retailers' disregard for the rules and their misleading price tags.

Based on the DAO, all price tags must be written clearly, indicating the price of the product including the value added tax and other charges in pesos and centavos.

The DTI also allowed the use of shelf prices in lieu of the price tag for items that were not big enough. This should benefit major retailers that normally use shelf prices instead of individual labels to comply with the price tag law.

Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

Spanish investors keen but cautious on investing in RP

SPANISH businessmen were keen but cautious on putting their money in the Philippines in view of their debacles in past investments in the country and the remaining restrictions on foreign equity.

Deputy Foreign Minister Ramon Gil-Casares said major Spanish concerns like telecommunication provider Telefonica, industrial giant Union Fenosa, and Spanish rail systems builder Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (CAF) were scouring the Philippines for more investment opportunities. Casares, however, said some of these companies were more careful in pulling the trigger on their investments here unlike in the past decade.

Casares cited the case of Union Fenosa which invested a hefty sum in the 1990s for a minority stake in Manila Electric Co. (Meralco). Fenosa said the value of its Meralco holdings had gone down considerably and this had held the company back from being bullish on bidding for power transmission and distribution projects of National Power Corp. in line with its privatization.

In Telefonica's case, Casares said the Spanish telephone giant had taken a second look at Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. after the First Pacific group announced its plans to divest its holdings in the country's biggest telecommunication concern. First Pacific beat Telefonica in a fierce takeover battle of PLDT in 1999. Casares said that while Telefonica was keen on PLDT, the lack of control in the company due to foreign equity limits made the First Pacific shares less attractive.

But another Spanish firm which had a bad experience in the country, CAF, remained upbeat on the investment prospects here. Casares said CAF remained interested in taking part in the North and South Luzon railway projects being pushed by the government.

CAF was still looking at opportunities in the Philippine rail system projects even though its exclusive contract to build the North Rail lapsed last year. Casares said CAF was also keen on the south end of the railway project (from Metro Manila to Canlubang, Laguna) where the Ayala group was on the driver's seat.

Casares said CAF was looking to both build and manage the railways or provide supplies to the project for both the North and South Luzon components. CAF is mainly a manufacturer of rolling stock and supplies the subway system in Washington, Hong Kong, Mexico City, Barcelona and Madrid and commuter trains for Portugal, Brazil, Hungary and Finland.

CAF has been in the Philippines since the mid-1990s when it was granted by the Ramos administration first crack to lead a consortium that would build a high-speed railway from Metro Manila to Pampanga that would connect Fort Bonifacio Global City with Clark airport.

The project, however, has not gone beyond the drawing board because of the proponent's funding problems and government's failure to clear the railway's route. With the project cost ballooning to $2.5 billion, the Bases Conversion Development Authority has taken over the project and it has since intensified the right-of-way clearing operations and scaled down the project's

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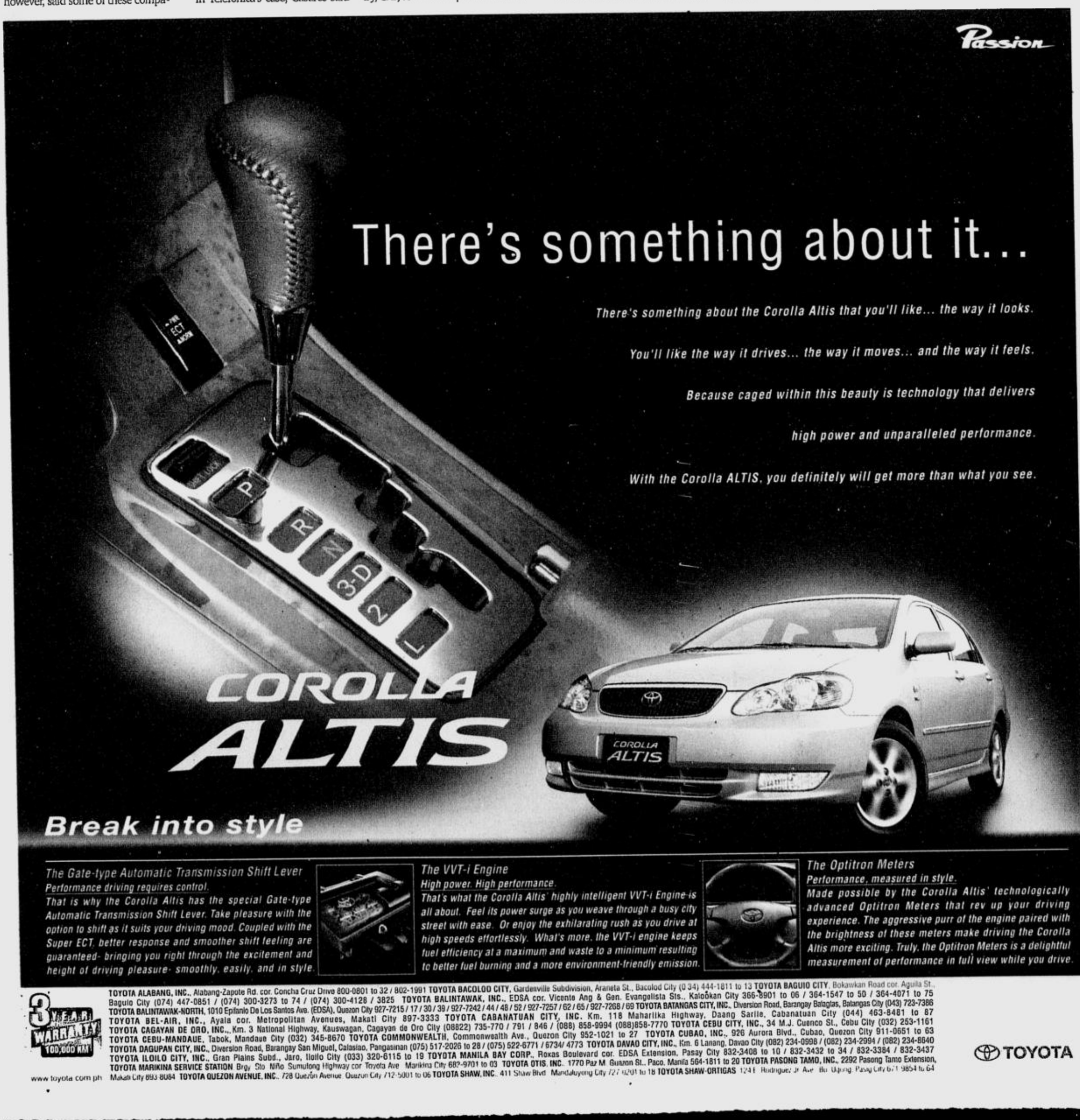

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What it will take for RP to be a Singapore

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

SINGAPORE is a tiny country in Asia which buys water from Malaysia and sources some of its energy needs outside.

Its claim is that going from the city to any point of the country is just a 20-minute ride.

Its population is one third the population of Metro Manila which now totals some 12 million.

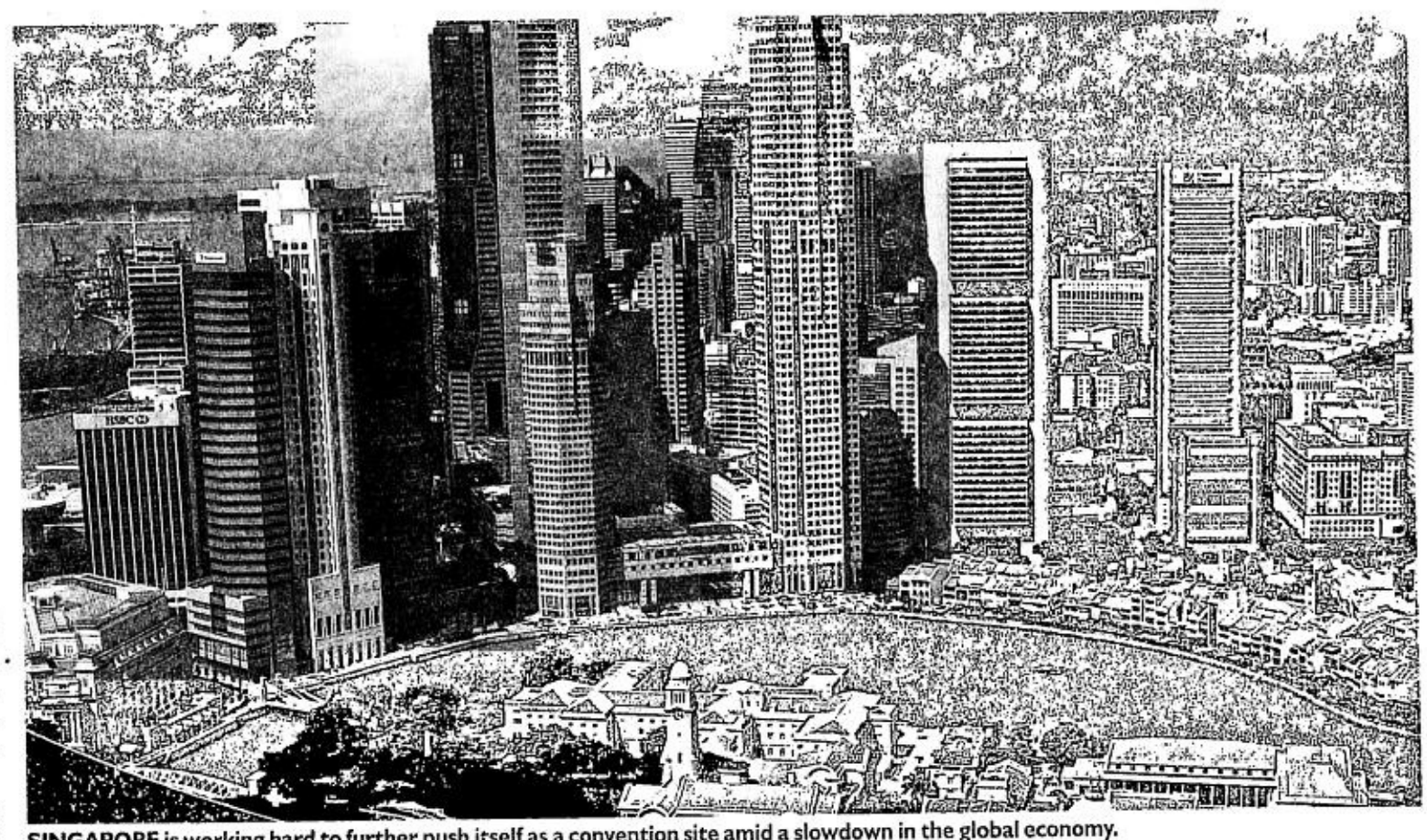
Singapore's port is the busiest in the world yet its waters remain clean.

Most of the world's largest firms have set up their regional headquarters in Singapore, thus it is the top convention city in Asia.

But Singapore has its woes—with the slowdown in the global economy, many Singaporeans have lost jobs. This was unthinkable just a few years ago when the country had more jobs than people prompting them to get overseas workers.

But the slowdown has prompted the government to promote its Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions sector or MICE.

MICE is a big industry in some countries and can sustain a city.



SINGAPORE is working hard to further push itself as a convention site amid a slowdown in the global economy.

Hannover in Germany for example was built precisely for its fair and trade exhibits.

Thousands attend such exhibits creating jobs for the locals and earning revenues for the country.

Last year alone, Singapore hosted 4,793 events, about 3 percent less than the previous year's 4,930 events.

Total number of participants also declined to 367,657 from 415,480.

However with expenditures estimated at S$1,730 to S$2,546 per visitor, the earnings still amount to some S$636.05 million (some P1.91 billion) to S$936.05 million (P2.8 billion).

The ingredients to becoming a key city include convention sites to fit the exhibits and participants; hotel rooms to accommodate the exhibitors and participants. Both should be accessible and preferably within walking distance from the other.

There should also be venues for non-conference activities like exotic restaurants, parks, or theaters.

Singapore's claim is that it has all these plus an efficient transport system that will not lead to time wasted in traffic just to get from one point to another.

In its bid to promote Singapore, the Singapore Tourism Board recently invited journalists from all over the world to show its various convention sites and hotels.

Intelligence Centre

The Intelligence Centre encompasses the area around Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre or Suntec Singapore which has facilities of over 100,000 square meters in six levels. It can accommodate 12,000 people and has 5,200 hotels rooms within walking distance. It is also near over 1,000 retail stores, 300

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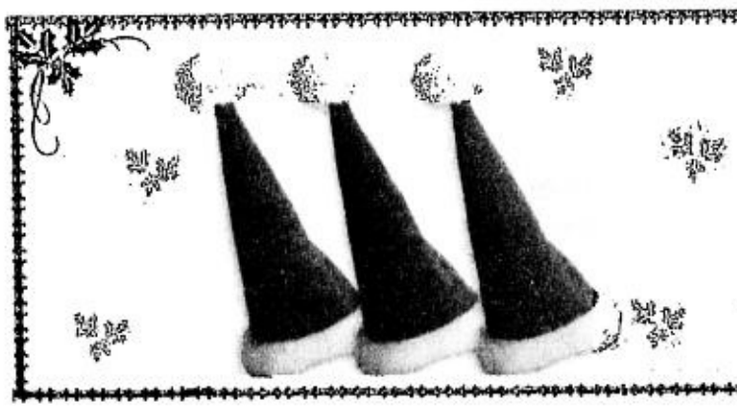
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How would you like to pay? By cash, check or e-pay?

By Joel L. Tan-Torres
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TAX-FILES

ASIDE from knowing how to compute your taxes, you should also know how to pay these taxes.

For internal revenue taxes, such as your income tax, value-added tax, etc., the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) provides taxpayers various ways of paying their obligations to government.

It is important that taxpayers are aware of the various rules and requirements in the tax payment process. In that way, taxpayers will be able to avoid the payment of penalties for violation of BIR rules (such as surcharge of 25 percent and 20 percent interest per year for late payment of taxes).

Also, by knowing what needs to be done in the process of paying one's taxes, taxpayers will not fall victim to the tax diversion syndicates which have recently managed to steal tax payments of certain large business firms.

A few days ago, the BIR released Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 16-2002 which provide the procedures for the payment of internal revenue taxes through authorized agent banks (AABs).

These regulations are primarily intended to deter and detect the diversion of tax payments. Clearly, it is in response to the recent diversion of over P400 million in tax payments by a criminal syndicate which operated through the Land Bank branch in Binangonan, Rizal.

RR 16-2002 prescribes that all taxes collected through the AABs shall be credited to the demand deposit accounts of the Bureau of Treasury (BTr) in the head offices of the AABs.

This procedure departs from the previous system where the AABs were allowed to hold on to the tax collections for five days before these are remitted to the BTr. Furthermore, the AABs are required to submit certain information about the tax collections of the previous day to the BIR.

These procedures are intended to plug the loopholes within the banking system that were used in the tax diversions that occurred in the past.

On the part of taxpayers, they are required to file their tax returns and pay their taxes to "legitimate" AABs of the BIR. There is no need for prior enrollment or registration with the AAB, and accordingly, taxpayers can file their tax returns and pay their taxes with any AAB of the appropriate BIR office where they are required to file and pay.

While this "file/pay anywhere" procedure provides convenience to taxpayers, they should however be more vigilant in ensuring that the AABs where they will be making their tax payments are "legitimate" and authorized banks so that penalties imposed by the BIR and even tax diversion can be avoided.

Taxpayers should also be aware that they are still not allowed to file their returns and make payments at banks that are outside the jurisdiction of the BIR where they are registered.

Failure to follow this rule will result in the imposition of a penalty equivalent to 25 percent of the tax due.

Another procedure prescribed in RR 16-2002 is the need for the taxpayer to accomplish and submit a BIR-prescribed deposit slip together with the tax returns and payment.

This deposit slip must have information on transaction date, name of taxpayer, the taxpayer identification number, the BTr-BIR account number, the account name of BTr-BIR, name of the drawee bank and check number (for check payments), bank debit advise number (for debit system payments) and the amount of tax payment.

Three copies of this deposit slip must be prepared and distributed as follows: original for the taxpayer, the duplicate for the AAB, and the triplicate attached to the tax return. The deposit slip shall be machine-validated by the bank teller who shall receive the tax payment as evidence that the payment has been deposited in the account of the BTr.

This is in addition to what was being done before of the bank stamping the word "Received" and indicating the date of transaction on the tax return filed, and machine validating the lower portion of the tax return to show the date of payment, amount of tax paid, the transaction code, the name of the bank, branch code, teller's code and teller's initial.

It should be part of the regular verification and documentation procedures of a taxpayer to ensure that all of these information are reflected in the tax return to serve as proof that the taxpayer has in fact filed his return and paid his tax in a particular AAB.

Again in this way, a taxpayer will be able to protect himself from diversion of his tax payments.

There are still several ways that a taxpayer can pay his internal revenue taxes to AABs. Over-the-counter cash payment is still allowed but only if the tax payment does not exceed P10,000. Payments can also be made through the "bank debit system."

This is done through a bank debit memo or advice which authorizes the withdrawal from a taxpayer's existing bank account to pay his tax liabilities. However, this "bank debit system" method of payment is allowed only if the taxpayer will use the bank which is located within the jurisdiction of the BIR office where he is registered. Another mode of tax payment is by checks. RR 16-200s prescribes that certain information be indicated in the check issued for tax payment.

The taxpayer should indicate in the space provided for "pay to the order of" the information of (1) the name of the collecting bank where the payment is to be coursed and (2) for the account of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Likewise, the taxpayer identification number should be indicated in the "account name" portion of the check. Again, taxpayers should make sure that all of these information are reflected in the check being tendered for payment in order to reduce the possibility of being imposed penalties for non-compliance by the BIR as well as diversion of tax payments.

Finally, certain taxpayers can pay their taxes by electronic payment through the Electronic Filing and Payment System of the BIR. This system allows the filing of tax returns and payment of taxes by using the computer and the Internet.

This system is the most convenient way of making tax payments since the taxpayer does not need anymore to physically go to the AABs or the BIR to pay his taxes. Unfortunately, at this time, only a limited number of taxpayers, such as the large taxpayers, are allowed to use this convenient way of electronic payment of taxes. However, it is expected that once the BIR upgrades its computer and communication facilities, more taxpayers will be allowed to use this electronic filing and payment system.

And who knows, perhaps taxpayers can even be allowed to pay taxes by means of a credit card.

Mall opens in city with highest purchasing power in Mindanao

TAIPAN Henry Sy's plan is to open two new malls every year.

For 2002, the scheduled ones are SM City Cagayan de Oro which opens today and SM City Bicutan which is set to open at the end of the month.

A mall costs about P1 billion to build.

The Cagayan de Oro mall is located in a 5.9-hectare property along Fr. Mastersons corner Gran Vila St.

SM says Cagayan was chosen because it is a center of commerce, trade, education, health, and government and its residents have the highest purchasing power in Mindanao.

Residential subdivisions, schools and commercial establishments surround the site.

Cagayan de Oro continues to develop its infrastructure. particularly the road network, seaport and airport. Nearby municipalities are undergoing industrialization by creating industrial parks.

SM City Cagayan has 56,000 square meters of floor area, has three levels and a parking lot for 600 cars.

It will have the usual amenities of an SM mall—the department store, SM Supermarket, SM Appliance Center, and the Surplus Shop, ACE Hardware, and SM Food Court.

It will have four movie houses, over 100 shops and restaurants.

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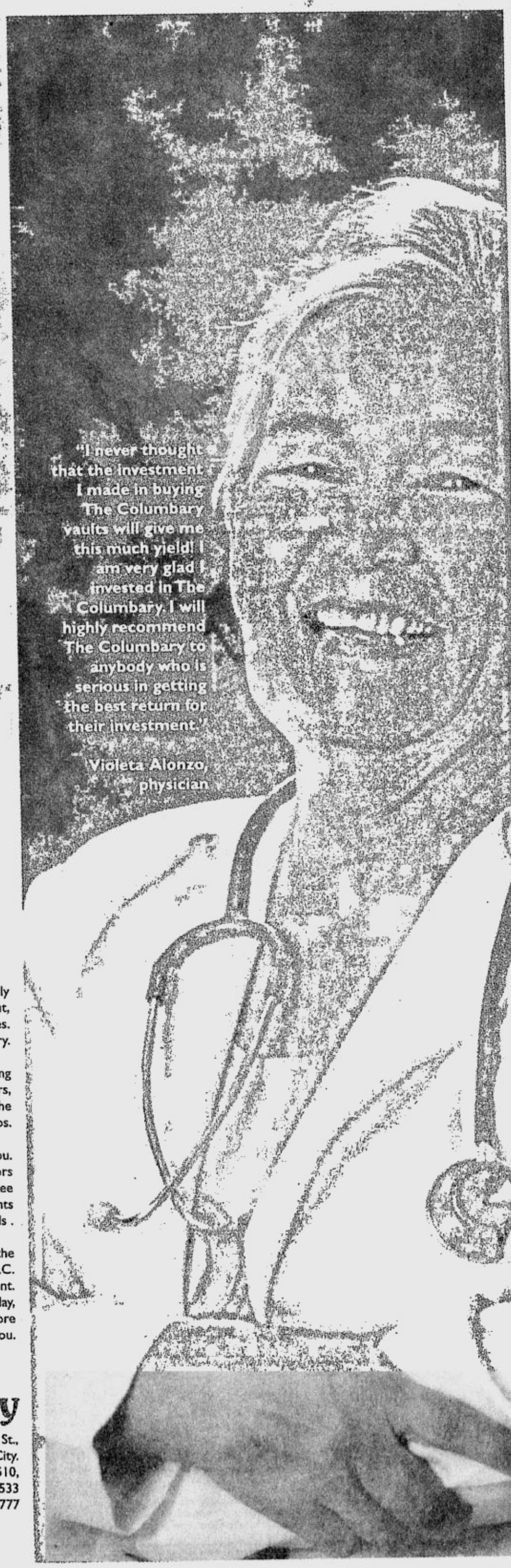

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Creating a 'moment' to pay for a pricey soap

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MAJOR advertising and marketing efforts of some soap manufacturing companies try to inculcate in the Filipino psyche that the best soap to buy is one that kills germs and bacteria.

THE STRATEGY is to create bathing experience.

This explains the dominance of germicidal soaps in the Philippines, the No. 1 being Safeguard by Procter & Gamble.

But this is the consciousness Unilever wants to break with its Dove cream bar.

Alex Tacderas, Dove senior brand manager, says in an interview that Dove is being repackaged around the philosophy that women deserve special treatment, and this extends to the soap and to the bath experience.

Dove has been a long recognized brand, which has spanned three generations of women all over the world.

In the Philippines, Dove was introduced through PX stores and patronized by the affluent set because of its special moisturizing qualities and its price tag.

"We want to sell the idea that women deserve special attention. Our parents taught us over the years that the best soap to use is one that makes us feel squeaky clean. Women today, however are saying no. They want a smooth one, one that can help make them younger looking," Tacderas tells Business Friday.

Unilever, thus, came up earlier this year with its "Dove Moments" campaign, a "philosophy" built around the message that women should learn to love themselves.

"The rationale for this positioning was to reinforce brand excitement and usage by identifying the bath as the consumer's sanctuary, her private moment when she could reconnect with her true nature: her femininity," Tacderas says in a press statement.

Unilever hopes that the campaign to buy Dove and experience a Dove moment will convince buyers to patronize a product that costs about twice the price of the average soap in the market.

Tacderas, however, is quick to qualify that Dove is not your average soap but a cream bar which contains 25 percent moisturizing cream.

He adds that dermatologists have even prescribed Dove to patients with skin sensitivities.

He says that sales of Dove have grown since the campaign was launched six months ago, although he declined to give specific figures. He also attributes it partly to the widening of Dove's market which now includes younger women.

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"At the outset, Dove was viewed as snobbish, as something that appealed only for older women. But then we are saying that younger women also need caring, that they also need to moisturize their skin," Tacderas says.

Unilever claims that the strategy of marketing a philosophy, rather than the physical benefits of a product, has increased sales from the middle-income market that aspire for these "Dove moments."

Unilever brought home the "philosophy" through its multimedia placements, events and direct marketing efforts.

Its radio advertisements, for instance, just featured a male voice talking about the moisturizing qualities of Dove soap. Unilever has also done the rounds of major retail establishments such as supermarkets and groceries to distribute merchandise materials of Dove. Even the packaging of Dove was changed and the product line extended to include deodorants and facial foam— all containing moisturizers.

Big bank taps into Pinoys love for 'gives'

WHAT'S an immediate, convenient access to cash? For many local consumers it's a loan commonly known as "*hulugan*," a scheme that involves installment payments popularly referred to as "*gives*."

"The installment culture seems to be firmly ingrained in Filipino consumers, who are fond of the "gives" system. And it's very easy to understand why. The installment scheme is all about ease in payment, which, given our general economic and social situation, is always a welcome proposition to local consumers," explained Noemi Azura, director for consumer loans of Citibank.

Informally, this type of installment loan is popular in offices and similar settings. Here, entrepreneurial types sell anything from cosmetics and lingerie, to educational books and homemade food, to jewelry and electronic gadgets such as cellular phones, on the basis of equal installment payments or "gives." The payments are usually spread over two to four consecutive paydays, or even more, depending on the total amount of the purchase.

These loans are generally easy to secure as the transactions are very informal. However there are risks involved. Some borrowers end up not making any profit, or worse, not recovering their investment as lenders can choose not to honor the payment agreement at anytime.

Employed individuals can also turn to formal and more secure environments for cash installment loans such as the Social Security System or Pag-IBIG Fund. The upside is these facilities charge relatively low interest rates; the downside is they have very strict requirements and borrowers must be contributors.

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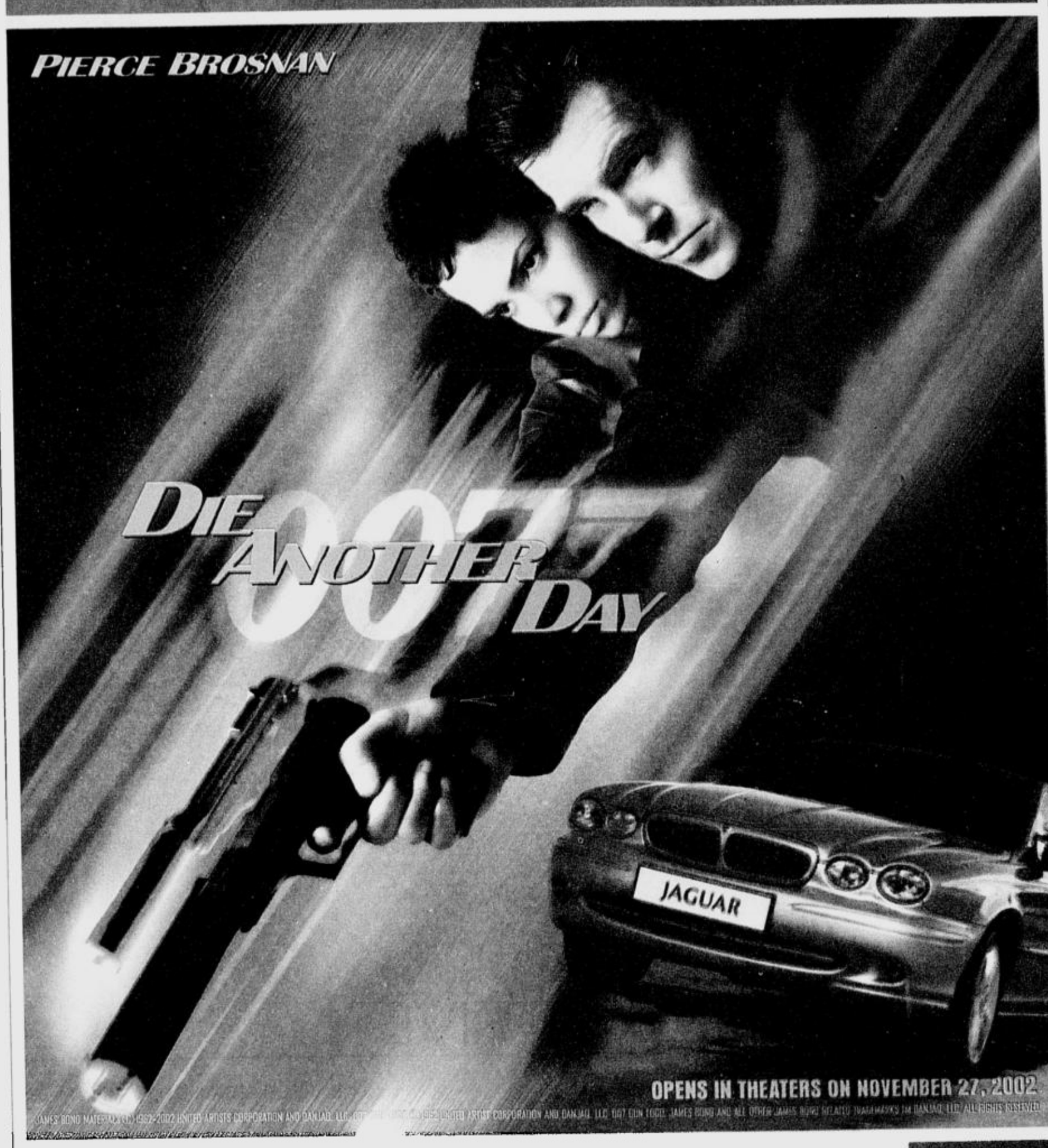

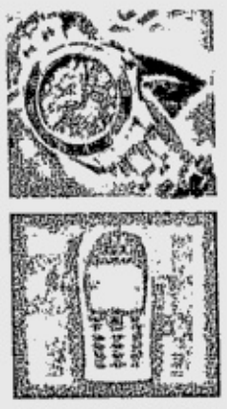

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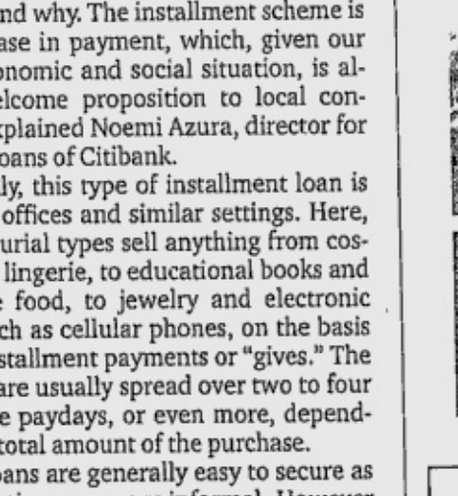

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US rejects regulation of Internet air fares

WASHINGTON—The government said on Tuesday it had no plans to regulate the advertisement and sale of airline tickets on the Internet, and also proposed easing restrictions on how carriers do business with the huge computer reservation systems used by travel agents.

The US Transportation Department's anxiously awaited decision on both issues was welcome news for the biggest domestic carriers, which consider their Web strategies and flexibility with reservation networks central to lowering their rising ticket distribution costs.

"This is positive news for the airlines," said David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association. "These have been costs they have not been able to drive down effectively."

The rationale for easing CRS rules was based partly on the popularity of Internet sites that mainly sell airline tickets at a discount. Regulators believe the Web has changed the marketplace for consumers and for airlines.

The decision to not regulate Web fares, which was not unexpected, is a victory for online travel service Orbitz Inc. Competitive practices of the Chicago-based company, owned by the five biggest US airlines, is under review by the Justice Department and the Transportation Department inspector general.

There has been enormous pressure from competing travel services on and outside the Web to break-up Orbitz's guaranteed access to the lowest fares from its airline owners and other carriers that participate in its service.

"The agency clearly recognizes that the Internet has benefited travel distribution by increasing competition and improving offerings for consumers and travel suppliers," said Gary Doernhoefer, vice president and general counsel, of Chicago-based Orbitz.

"The agency has retained features of the CRS rules that benefit competition and consumers," he said.

Almost all travel agents rely on these reservation networks to compare scheduling and fare information and book tickets. But because few agents use more than one, carriers are required to share their data with each to ensure that all agents have access to their flight information.

However, the growing use of the Internet to market fares and tickets in recent years has weakened the need for such broad participation, the government believes. *Reuters*

FEDERAL JOINT VENTURE

US retailer places bets on RP

By Anne Luisa E. Villarico

OPENING a 1,200-square meter hardware store a day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks can be considered bad timing for this flagship hardware store.

But Federal Hardware has remained undaunted despite the odds and competitive despite the challenging market conditions. From a home mart store, it expanded its selection of products and went a step further by combining strengths with Orgill Inc., a leading private hardware distribution company in the United States.

The two key persons behind the success of Orgill Inc. recently came to the country to assist Federal Hardware in aligning its retailing standards with those of the US hardware giant.

Jim Walraven, retail engineering manager and Alan Emery, international territory manager, tells Business Friday that, "We want the very best that we can have in every market that that we go into. We felt that after personally focusing on this company and with their forward thinking, Federal is capable of forming a long-term relationship (with Orgill Inc.)"

JIM Walraven and Alan Emery experience convenience shopping at Federal Hardware.

Logistics support

The need for support in logistics is an added plus for Federal Hardware, the only fully-airconditioned builder's center with a wide assortment of local and imported tiles in the country.

The hardware center's general product mix also includes lumber, tools, plumbing, electrical, paints, lawn and garden, and tiles inside the store which are sourced directly from suppliers. This is why its prices are 10-15 percent cheaper than other hardware stores.

Orgill Inc. products are sourced from prime source manufacturers worldwide to secure a complete selection of quality products at highly competitive prices.

Glenn Garettt Leh, AVP-merchandising, says Orgill's alliance with Federal Hardware will enable the local hardware to widen its product range and introduce new products to further boost its strong foothold in the hardware industry.

Through the assistance from Orgill Inc., Federal Hardware will continue to improve its product innovations in hardware retailing by putting more emphasis on lawn and garden merchandise, plumbing and fixtures, lighting and electrical supplies, the latest in lumber products, paints and sundries, furniture and appliances, handtools, power tools, and a wide variety of car care items and accessories. They also have in-house retail brands, priced cheaper than other hardware products.

Free-standing store

Unlike most of its competitors, Federal Hardware is a free-standing store, not mall-based since part of its identity is its unique look of blue and red entrance outdoor signages patterned after US stores.

One of the officers of the Federal Hardware says, "We are dedicated to bringing in good and high-quality hardware products and services from the United States that would satisfy the needs of Filipinos at prices they could very well afford in addition to the great retail American shopping experience."

Walraven says that a big worldwide retail distribution company like Orgill Inc. would be a great help to Federal Hardware when it comes to global sourcing and manufacturer support and all other aspects related to modern market retail.

"All the cultures come together here," says Emery. "We'll going to make sure, that there will be best product selection for customers from cutting-edge industry leaders, and customer service is better in Federal Hardware."

When asked when they were worried at all about the negative image of the Philippines to other countries, Walraven says, "Not at all."

They were both optimistic about the branching out of Federal Hardware in the country like the ubiquitous SM malls.

Proof of Federal Hardware's strong and aggressive leadership in hardware industry is its ability to branch out from its flagship branch in Makati City, to other branches in Taytay and Cainta in Rizal, E. Rodriguez, Quezon City, Angeles City, Tarlac, Calamba, Laguna and Imus and Bacoor in Cavite in a span of one year. Soon to open is its San Pablo branch.

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'Bio-farming' gives Cordillera people a boost

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—At the vegetable trading post here last month, about 200 vegetable traders and farmers staged a protest rally against the smuggling of semi-temperate vegetables from China, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand.

It was a battle that they cannot win, some of the protesters conceded. Some blamed the government for entering into the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) without even thinking how the vegetable farmers can compete in the world market.

"They promised us the safety nets but what they gave us was a net that ensnared the farmers," said Benguet Gov. Raul Molintas.

Some blamed the farmers themselves, saying that they were too individualistic and myopic. They said that the farmers liberally used pesticides and fertilizers without thinking of the environment.

They planted potatoes at the same time, forcing each other to unfair competition.

Some blamed the importers for surreptitiously bringing in imported vegetables in containers bound for Japan or in crates labeled as "Ponkan oranges."

Mt. Province Gov. Sario Malinias even joked with the protesters, saying they should not crave for imported items like "French fries."

After covering the rally, this correspondent decided to pass through Longlong Road, hoping to avoid the crippling traffic back to Baguio City.

This correspondent spent the rest of the afternoon instead in a secluded farm that brought hope in what one farmer said as the "hopeless battle between the Chinese cabbage from Buguias (Benguet) and the cabbages from China."

Training farm

The Shell Training Farm, located at the Benguet State University reservation in Longlong, looked like a village school in the middle of a pine forest.

Dwarf Arabica coffee plants are under the pine trees and orange and lemon trees are waiting to be harvested. Chickens abound in the area.

But Milagros Lupina, one of the trainers, said the real wonders in the farm are things you can see only through the microscope.

The farm is the model for integrated bio-farming and the hope for Benguet farmers to win back the stomach of the nation.

The Shell Training Farm is one of two schools run by the Pilipinas Shell Foundation in the country. The other is in Bonbon, Camarines Sur.

The farm has been giving training since 1997 but it was only last year that it shifted from integrated farming to bio-integrated farming.

The "bio" makes all the difference, said trainer Robert Lachica, making the healthy bacteria do all the "dirty work" for the farmers in providing them organic produce.

Consumption of organic food had more than doubled from 1997 to 2001. Fastidious consumers had lately been questioning imported organic food, saying that the aviation and car fuel used in transporting them offset the advantages of organic food.

CONSUMPTION of organic food had more than doubled and this is what could save Benguet's vegetable traders and farmers.

'Guilt-free' food

Local organic food is therefore the new "guilt-free food for the millennium."

Lachica said this was the reason why they made their own shift in 2000 from integrated farming to "bio-farming." The school's main client is the Department of Agrarian Reform in Cordillera.

Alexis Lang-ayan, DAR Cordillera program coordinator, said 250 farmer-beneficiaries from the Cordillera, Ilocos and Pangasinan have availed themselves of the workshops.

"We plan to have all 60,000 beneficiaries of the CARP (Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program) in this project," said Mike Guimbatan, DAR-Cordillera public information officer.

The DAR usually targets 40 farmers from each province, taking into consideration that more than a fourth are women-farmers. It also gives them a workshop in bio-integrated farming.

Farmers are taught the basics in organic farming using cultured bacteria prepared by the trainers here.

In composting, for example, farmers are taught to use composting inocula and enrichment inocula to hasten the process from a month to about eight days. They are also taught to apply seed inoculant to help the roots fix nitrogen in the air to enrich the soil.

Farm animals like pigs and chicken are given "probiotics" to enable them to absorb nutrients in their food more efficiently.

A pack of composting inocula and enrichment inocula, sold each at P150 to workshop participants, can generate about a ton of organic waste materials. A P50-pack of probiotics can enrich 100 kilos of feed ingredients.

Lupina said bio-integrated farming could rehabilitate the farms in Benguet that had been poisoned by pesticide and commercial fertilizer applications.

Lachica said many farmers from Atok, Benguet, had shifted to organic farming and had been getting training and inoculants from the training farm.

Grass clippings

Many of the rose farmers in Bahong Valley here also become enthusiastic adherents of biointegrated farming, he said.

"They had run out of sawdust which is used as compost so we have to teach them to use grass clippings," he said.

Molintas said part of the strategy to save the vegetable industry was to lower the tariffs on imported agricultural inputs like fertilizers and pesticides but the Shell Training Farm experience shows that this move is no longer needed.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture said Benguet farmers need only to apply production programming to stop pest infestation.

"If the farmers are organized under one umbrella of cooperatives, we can specify one group on what crop to plant at the right time and quantity. We can also give them proper advice on the proper technology," Patricio Ananayo, chief of the agribusiness section of DA-Cordillera, said.

Ananayo said they tried to brief farmers on production programming but some farmers would oppose them and say, "Are you the ones supporting our family? We plant what we plant. What if we hit the jackpot?"

Ananayo said in Japan, Taiwan and China, farmers' cooperatives decide what farmers will plant and when to plant these.

Production programming not only stops the glut of a certain crop, which can lead to the collapse of its price but also prevent pest infestation. Rotating crops usually stave off pests traditionally living off on one type of crop.

The rapid infestation of the potato leaf miner in Benguet in 2000 was caused by too many farms planted only with potatoes.

The DA's Kasakalikasan program, which teaches farmers to use helpful insects to ward off pests, has been in existence since 1991. Coupled with biointegrated farming, Benguet farmers have a deadly one-two punch to knock out foreign competition.

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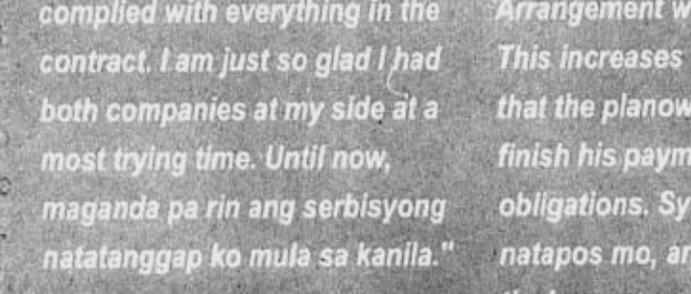

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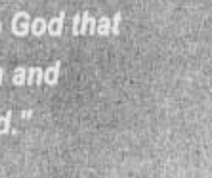

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Moreover, the loan amount is strictly dependent on the total amount of contributions a potential borrower has made and, thus, is very limited.

Some banks offer similar loan facilities, which can be tapped for different types of expenses. However, the document requirements are voluminous, and the application procedures quite tedious.

Thus, consumers have been generally wary and extremely cautious, even discouraged, about applying for bank loans. Such has been the culture and trend over the past few years.

These days, however, the tide may be shifting favorably to the consumer. Innovations in loan products are giving consumers more and more reasons to turn to banks for their cash requirements.

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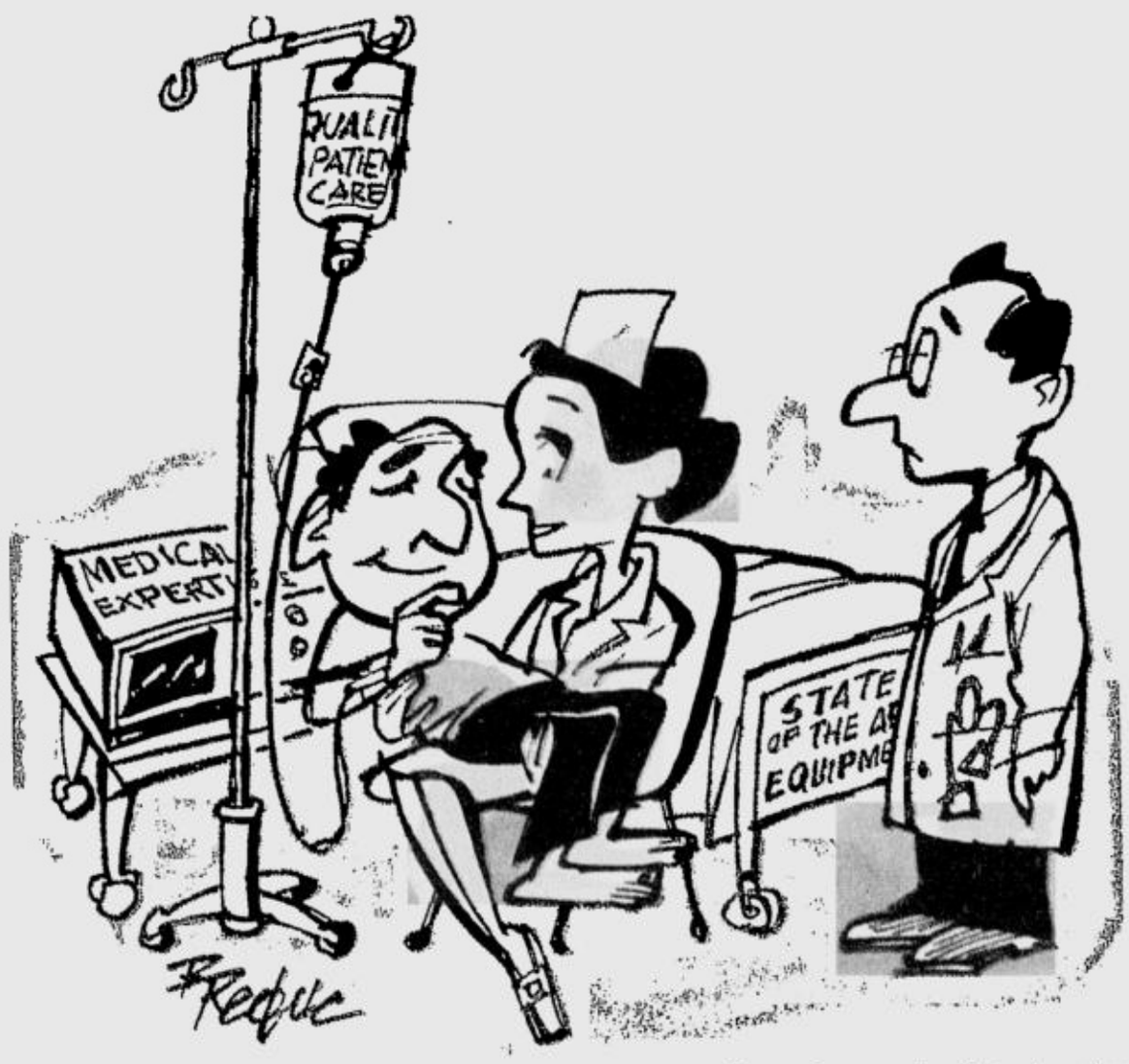
Faced with competition, hospitals need to start selling themselves too

By Karen V. de Asis
Contributor

THE IMPACT of technology, competition, globalization and the growing power of informed consumers have never been more apparent and felt than in the hospital sector.



Power of consumers

An industry once unilaterally lorded over by physicians, this sleeping giant is slowly waking up to the call of more enlightened and empowered consumers who are creating changes in the patient-physician relationship. For example, quite a number of consumers today no longer solely rely on their doctors for medical information but actively seek out literature on debilitating diseases largely through the Internet and specialized healthcare magazines.

Patients do not simply sit out their doctor's assessment but expect more peer to peer dialogues while personally processing information relayed to them.

Through it all, patients continue to demand high quality care.

Competition, globalization

Hospitals also have to contend with increased competition from their own kind not to mention from new forms, like mall-situated or independent ambulatory healthcare clinics. And because of the growing cognizance of the business value of healthcare worldwide, entry of foreign players may not be far behind.

Ironically, competition among hospitals is not only established by the presence of more and newer forms of healthcare service providers but by the physicians themselves who have realized how important it is to be close to their patients.

Thus, it is no wonder that one doctor may have a number of clinics in various geographically situated hospitals or ambulatory centers.

While convenient for the consumers, this however, levels the playing field for hospitals when it comes to the attribute " choice of hospital because of the doctor."

Faced with all these challenges, hospital administrators need to review how they conduct their business.

They should look at the merits of marketing as a strategic discipline closely linked to the consumer and which can be used as an effective tool to achieve their objectives.

Following are some marketing lessons that can be applied to hospitals:

Lesson One. Own a differentiating positioning in the minds of consumers.

Consumers are faced daily with a lot of information. With selective memory, one can only retain the more relevant and differentiating message around a product or service.

Hospital owners need to pin down that unique, relevant message which can be substantiated and remembered about their hospital. But for the message to stick, it can never be a generic statement deemed already integral to the category and which consumers perceive to be common place.

Promises like state of the art equipment, medical expertise and quality patient care need to be qualified as a consumer benefit to be differentiated.

Lesson Two. Establish a presence in the minds of consumers.

Once a unique but relevant po sitioning has been identified, it is important to communicate this. Most hospital administrators put substantial financial resources behind the facility as well as medical, laboratory, diagnostic equipments but fail to see the need to allocate sufficient budgets behind brand building.

No money is given to advertising, communications or public relations.

This could be because of the old-school belief that it is the doctors and the equipment which bring patients to a hospital.

The administrators forget that consumers like to be informed.

Lesson Three. Product development is key to keeping a step ahead of competition.

New and innovative healthcare service offers that are meaningful to consumers bring about positive imagery and associations about the healthcare institution: Services that address the healthcare needs of targeted consumer groups like senior citizens; women groups to include teenagers, expectant mothers; career-oriented persons, are a start.

Lesson Four. Healthcare service delivery that institutionalizes compassionate patient care can only guarantee customers for life.

A philosophy that hinges on making a patient's stay at the hospital truly comfortable is a step to the hospital brand's success. It is no secret that there are more frayed nerves, sensitive, nervous energy felt by patients and their guests in a hospital than anywhere else.

The hospital's capability to provide patient care that effectively and efficiently responds to these testy situations is reflective of the kind of quality of integrated healthcare delivery system a hospital has.

If positive and remarkable, this can be a differentiating advantage for a hospital. It is likewise a benefit much welcomed by the targeted market.

Lesson Five. Provide a mechanism for feedback.

Mechanisms for feedback are meant to help improve the hospital's integrated healthcare delivery system. This need not be limited to guest feedback forms but should include market research tools that measure the changing healthcare needs of consumers. Data from market research can help hospitals validate the acceptance of their present or future positioning.

Check new insights, understand market's usage of hospitals, ambulatory clinics, etc.

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What it will take for RP to be a Singapore

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restaurants and the region's new theater for the performing arts, the Esplanade—Theaters on the Bay.

Suntec has a daily working population of 15,000 employed by 70 companies.

Universities

Trust the Singaporeans to turn their schools into convention sites.

One of these is the University of Chicago, located in the former house of a rich Singaporean who eventually gave the house to the Salvation Army.

It was bought eventually by a Singaporean businessman who leased it out to the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

The school is the first business school to have a Nobel laureate on its faculty and the only one to have had five Nobel Prize winners.

The National University of Singapore Museum and University Cultural Centre has conference and concert halls and ancillary meeting venues.

It has a 1,714-seater concert hall, a 455-seater theater, a main entrance with drop-off pavilion and a parking lot for 284 cars.

Museums

The Asian Civilizations Museum housed in the 135-year-old Empress Place Building is one of the newest venues for MICE.

The place is ideal for corporate functions like cocktail parties, product launches and business presentations. The River Room can accommodate 150 to 200 people and the River Terrace, 500 square meters in size, can be used for cocktails.

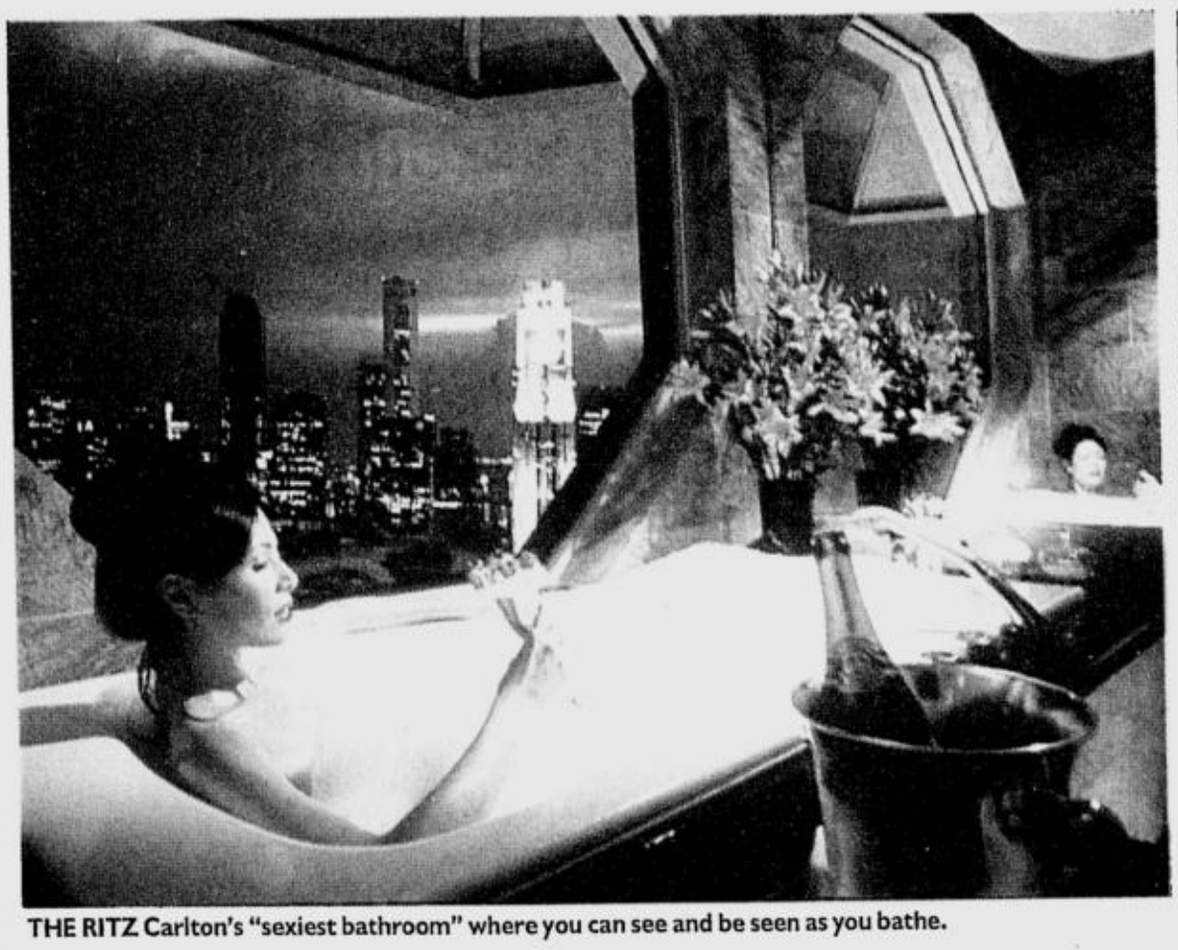
Its Shaw Foundation Foyer holds up to 150 and in the basement is a 178-seater Ngee Ann Auditorium.

Sculpture Square

The Square used to be a school and has been converted into a museum for modern arts but can hold cocktails or presentations.

Sentosa

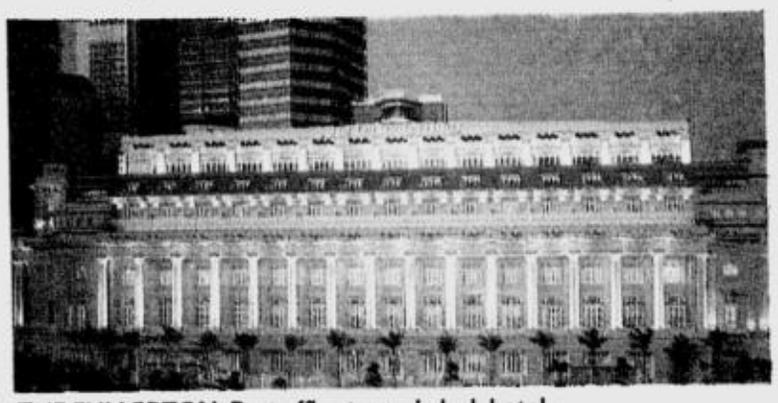
Sentosa is the third largest island in Singapore. It recently unveiled a 10-year S$-1 billion development plan which aims to increase visitors from 4 million this year to 8 million by 2012. It involves connecting the island via MRT to the city.



THE RITZ Carlton's "sexiest bathroom" where you can see and be seen as you bathe.

A VILLA at the Beaufort Hotel.

THE ASIAN Civilization museum at the Empress Place Building.



THE FULLERTON: Post office turned plush hotel.

Hotels

It goes without saying that some of the best hotels of the world are found in Singapore.

Shangri-la Hotel Singapore

The Hotel began with one wing and now has three. When it opened in 1971, it was managed by Westin Hotels but in 1984 Shangri-la International took over the management.

It has the second largest botanical garden in Singapore.

It has over 12 square meters of space for every function. It has 23 function rooms and two grand pillarless ballrooms.

Fullerton

The Fullerton Singapore is the former post office which was bought by Sino Land Co. Ltd. who converted it into a hotel.

Its location is strategic because it is near the Raffles Place business district, Suntec City and the Esplanade.

Raffles City

The Executive Conference Centre at the Raffles City Convention Centre boasts of being one of the most technologically advanced conference centers in Singapore.

It provides a venue for high level corporate meetings and conferences.

It has Internet stations where delegates may access the Internet by plugging their laptops into the data ports at the entrance of the conference center.

The center is complemented by Raffles The Plaza and Swissotel The Stamford. Both have a total of 2,000 rooms.

The Swissotel is the tallest hotel in Southeast Asia.

Beaufort

The Beaufort Singapore is a home-grown hotel. It is 10 years old and has 214 rooms. It is owned by HKR International Ltd., a publicly listed company in Hong Kong which made its name in property investments.

It is set to open its Singapore's first garden spa, the Spa Botanica this month.

Singapore is packaging spa treatments with its visitors.

Public relations consultant Yong-Han Wee Lin says spas are becoming a big trend among Singaporeans and their visitors so many hotels are starting to offer the treatments.

The Ritz-Carlton

The Ritz-Carlton is a 32-story hotel with 610 rooms. It is 80 percent owned by Pontiac Marina Pte Ltd., a Singapore-based property investment and development company and 20 percent by the country's national carrier, Singapore Airlines.

The hotel's pride lies in two things—its extensive collection of modern art and its bathrooms.

Its bathrooms have been described as "the world's sexiest bathrooms." The tubs are beside full glass windows where you can see and be seen.

And PR manager Anton Kilayko, who is a Filipino, says most of their guests do not pull down the slides when they bathe.

Singapore Expo

The Singapore Expo is one of the region's largest exhibition centers with some 85,000 square meters of indoor and outdoor exhibition and meeting space. It has recently been connected with an MRT station where one can go to the the Changi International Airport from the expo in five minutes.

There are also plans to build hotels in the area.

The Filipinos' warm personalities and beautiful sites can easily make it a MICE choice. Unfortunately it cannot provide a most important ingredientpeace and order.

US firms often fail when using a little slang

CHICAGO — Use a little slang and you've got their attention. That seems to be the growing thought in corporate America and the media, eager to hook the younger crowd.

Some sportscasters have started describing impressive plays as "sick." Before that, Budweiser ads helped place the greeting "Whassup" in the American lexicon.

But those are the rare cases that don't draw groans and eye-rolling from the young crowd. More often, young people say adults shouldn't even think about using lingo from the streets, hip-hop clubs and school hallways.

"Uh-uhhh, they need to quit," says Aurielle McIntosh, a seventh-grader from the Chicago suburb of Oak Park. "They just look silly."

That goes for just about anybody over 30. Aurielle says she and others can't help but giggle, for example, when their social studies teacher shouts, "Roll out!"—the title of a hit song by rapper Ludacris.

Still, corporate America seems set on using slang.

News organizations

One current TV ad announces the release of DVDs of "Star Wars: Episode II" with the question "Who's da man?" and answers, "Yoda's da man," while showing scenes of the movie's pint-size Jedi elder fighting bad guys.

Another new spot for a new Microsoft Xbox game called "Blinx the Time Sweeper" features old guys wearing urban clothes and calling each other "homeys."

Some news organizations are getting into the act.

In an e-mail leaked this fall to other media outlets, a CNN Headline News producer gave his staff a slang dictionary and a suggestion.

"Please use this guide to help all you homeys and honeys add a new flava to your tickers and dekkos," the message said, referring to graphics on the TV screen.

"I would sort of chuckle at it, although it would catch my eye," says 14-year-old Guy Weltcheck of South Orange, New Jersey. "But what are they going to say? Something like 'Yo, yo, yo—what up, Saddam?'"

Another problem: The slang adults use is often out of date.

CNN's slang dictionary, for example, has an old definition for "ill," which once meant strange or obnoxious. Now it means just the opposite — as in, "That DJ rocks. She plays the illest music."

No connection

In yet another ad, America Online uses slang for its new broadband service—"phat sounds to fat pipes." Phat, in that case, means rich, luscious, big.

But Kenny Ong, a graphic design student at the Art Institute of California-Orange County, says you are much more likely to hear students there say "that's butter" or "that's gravy" instead of phat.

Elsewhere, others prefer "slammin" and "tight" to describe something they like. And at parties, some like to get "crunked up."

It's no surprise that most adults don't know that, says Paul McFedries, creator of an online catalog of terms called Wordspy.com.

"Slang is meant to be separate," he says. In other words, if adults are using it, it's not cool anymore.

That's what Microsoft failed to understand in the Blinx spot, says Buzz Marketing Group, a New Jersey-based firm where teen advisers panned the ad.

"I think the smartest advertisers are realizing that it's more about understanding youth culture than using their language," says Tina Wells, Buzz Marketing's 22-year-old chief executive.

Mockery

Jameel Spencer, president and partner of Blue Flame Marketing + Advertising, agrees. "It's really about being respectful," says Spencer, whose company is led by music executive Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. "Any culture wants to be respected—it doesn't want to be seen as a mockery."

Sometimes [illegible] in ads can be funny, says Steve Me[illegible] junior and football player at C[illegible] Michigan University. He thought the [illegible]weiser "Whassup" campaign, which began with younger black guys loudly greeting one another, worked well.

"I'm sure a lot of black people laughed because they know somebody—some family member or friend—who says that," says Messam, who is black. "And it translated well to white culture, too," he adds, noting later commercials that poked fun at nerdy white guys.

But race also can make using slang tricky.

Emily Hall, a white teacher at a predominantly black junior high in Columbus, Ohio, uses it to get students' attention. "Don't play with me!" she sternly warns those who act up. But generally, she waits to use slang until she knows students better.

"If they don't know you," she says, "they think, 'Who does she think she is?'" *AP*

Selling more than burgers and fries

By Roger Pe
Contributor

WHERE do your kids go after class? Where do they hie off during recess time? The library or the nearby computer game station? Probably the computer game station if the deteriorating academic performance of Filipino children is any proof.

From a leading center of learning in Asia, our country is now lagging behind its neighbors. In 1995, the Philippines scored second to the last in a list of 41 at the 3rd International Mathematics and Science Study. Poor comprehension on the part of students was pointed out as the reason.

1998 was the fifth year in a row that the National Elementary Achievement Test reflected that graduating students had mastered only half of what they were supposed to learn.

The truth has become glaringly apparent: students could not afford to advance in the comprehension of lessons simply because they did not pick up the habit of reading.

Arresting the problem of non-readers, McDonald's embarks on a more-than-your-burger-and-meeting-place store with "Bright Minds Read" program. Through a partnership with the Department of Education-National Capital Region, the world's leading quick service restaurant once again embarks on a program to endear itself to millions of Filipinos.

McDonald's "Bright Minds Read" program was launched last September to help the children of the Philippines develop a love for reading. By signing-up as a Donor of the Adopt-A-School program via the Bright Minds Read campaign, 14 schools, representing each division of the Department of Education-NCR, have become beneficiaries of this effort.

Joseph Lau, McDonald's managing director, says, "we cannot solve the problems of education all at once but we aim to help where we can." McDonald's Bright Minds Read contains a teacher-training program. It also commissioned book publisher Adarna to do reading workbooks.

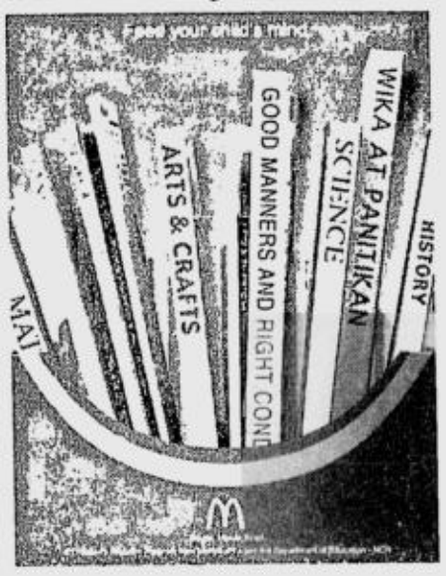
On top of that, Lau continues, "our reading tour of various schools led by Ronald McDonald adds more fun to it."

McDonald's teacher-training program aims to equip elementary educators with updated techniques on teaching and reading to children in English and Filipino.

The workbooks are meant to provide additional learning aids to young students in the program while the school tour with Ronald hopes to inspire children to view reading as a fun activity.

McDonald's "Bright Minds Read" campaign also includes a television ad. Created by DDB Philippines, the commercial is set one quiet afternoon in a middle-class Filipino family. As little Angel grapples with every word reading his father's letter from overseas, she catches the attention of everyone in the house, extremely amazed at her progress.

"We wanted to portray a family that is naturally supportive of the efforts of the young ones to read," says Zonito Torrevillas, PR and communications manager of McDonald's. "Hopefully, we are able to inspire others to rally behind the efforts of other kids like Angel to learn to read."



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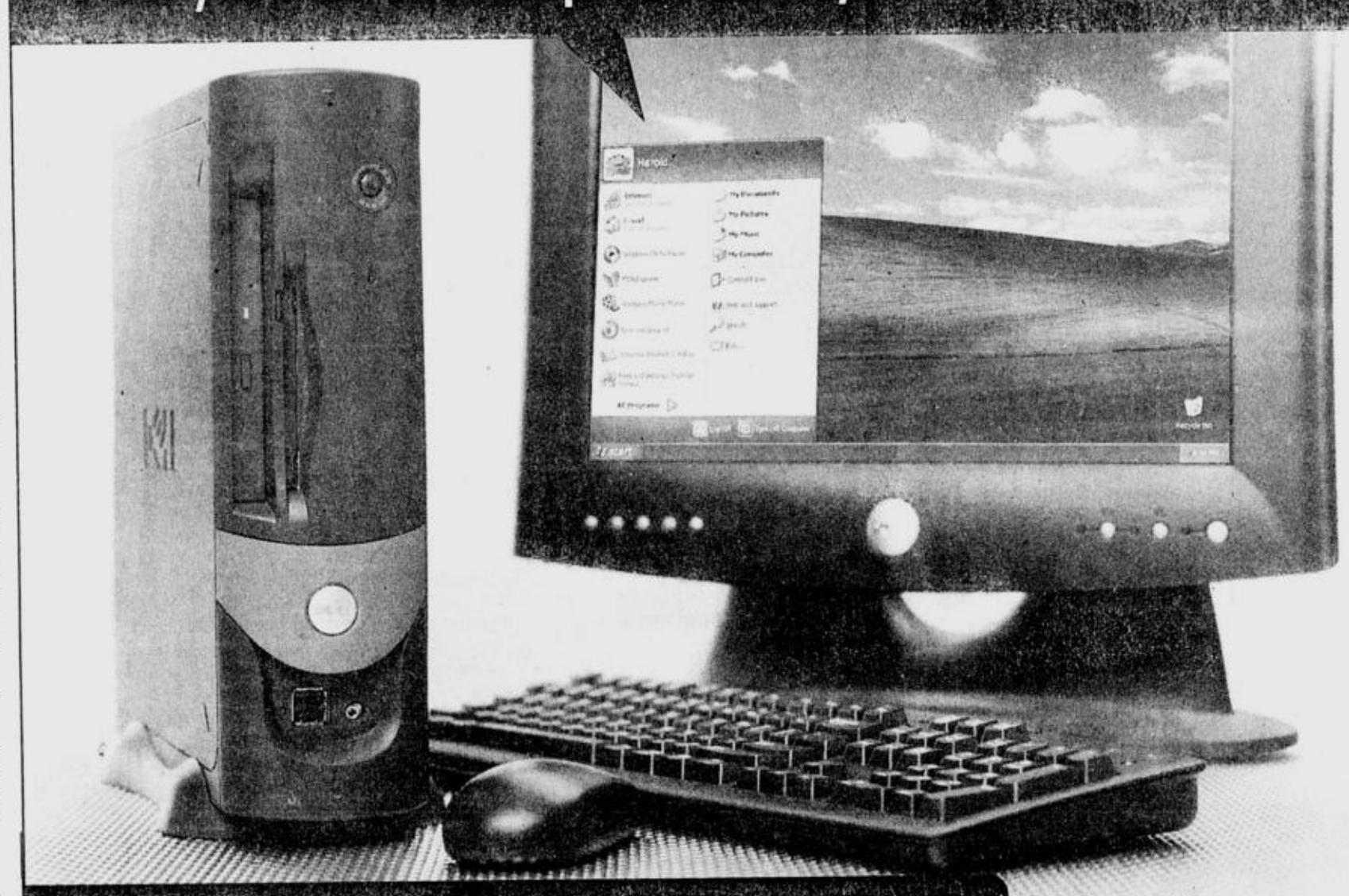

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Planning ahead for the Holidays

Christmas. The most wonderful time of the year. Well, it's supposed to be. But with the jampacked malls, the traffic and the partying that comes with the holiday frenzy, you just wish that all these merriment wouldn't turn into nothing but harassment.

The secret really in having an easier and hassle-free Christmas is to PLAN AHEAD. As soon as you have an idea as to how much you're going to spend, grab a pen, a piece of paper and a huge calendar then follow these simple, no nonsense tips:

MAKE A SHOPPING LIST

You've certainly heard this before. Lots of times. But there's a world of difference between merely jotting down names in random order, and, jotting down names in a more organized fashion.

Begin by listing down categories: family, friends, godchildren, office mates, and what have you. Then start filling these categories with names in order of importance. Beside each category, you may also allot an amount you are willing to spend for gifts. How much for each person? Or how much for the entire group? By doing so, you get an idea on what kind of gifts to give that's within your budget.

As always, for lists like this to work for you, remember this one simple rule: stick to it.

SCHEDULE YOUR SHOPPING

Now that you've completed your list, take your huge calendar and plot your shopping trips. One category for one shopping day. Focus on looking for gifts only for the people you've listed in that category. Worry about gifts for people in another category on the trip you've set for them earlier. Following this guideline gives you an indication as to how much you're supposed to spend on that day. But to make sure that you'll have enough money on hand for shopping, it's only wise to always carry your **BPI Express Teller card. With this fully-loaded express banking card, you can shop without cash using the Express Payment System (EPS) in more than 4,000 affiliated stores and supermarkets in Metro Manila and major cities nationwide. So there's really no need to stop by the ATM and wait in line,** since queuing up will definitely eat up your shopping time. With the EPS, your Express Teller card is as good as cash. So you're assured of getting the full sale price at this season's big sale events. That's because **the cash price and the sale price is the EPS price.**

To avail of the EPS, **no enrollment is needed. There are no service fees on EPS transactions. And the Express Teller card you use to withdraw cash from the ATM is the same card you use for the EPS. Also, when you go EPS shopping at participating stores at Ayala Malls, you can get up to 20% discount on your purchases or free items. So shopping throughout this season with the EPS is truly convenient and rewarding.**

Now, if you have enough time, you may schedule your trips on weekends. But make sure that you're at the malls even before they open to ensure easy parking. If you come in the afternoon, chances are you'll be stuck at the car park looking for a slot.

On the other hand, if you're pressed for time, try to schedule your shopping during your lunch hour or after work. During this season, malls will have extended hours so you'll have enough time. Sometimes, you may be lucky enough to find an item which you can buy in bulk for people belonging to one entire category. Get them in different designs when available. You'll be cutting down your shopping time, and maybe, even be getting substantial savings. Usually, these items can be found in bazaars which proliferate during the season. So be on the lookout for them.

An exception to the rule, though. If you happen to stumble on the perfect gift for a person in another category, grab it. Because you can bet a million dollars that if you plan to come back for it on a later trip, you'll never see it again.

SCHEDULE YOUR GIFT WRAPPING AS WELL

Along with plotting your shopping trips on your calendar, set your gift wrapping time as well. Do it by category, depending on which gifts will be given out first. Never cram your gift wrapping in one sitting. Aside from the strain on your lower back, you'll discover that it's going to take you forever.

Have more than enough wrapping paper and tape handy. You may also opt to get those little, inexpensive yet quaint paper bags. You can easily stuff the item inside and just seal the bag with trimmings you can get from the textile stores. Simple, yet with a touch of your personal taste and style.

SCHEDULE YOUR GET-TOGETHER

'Tis the season when faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to use once more. This is what Christmas is all about after all. So take your huge calendar again and look at the remaining slots available. Then try to accommodate the yearly get-togethers with your close friends. In doing this, accept the invitation that comes first. Remember too that you are only human, and that you cannot party all night everyday of the week. Hopping from one party to another in one night will, not only drain your energy, but will also defeat the purpose of spending quality time with your friends.

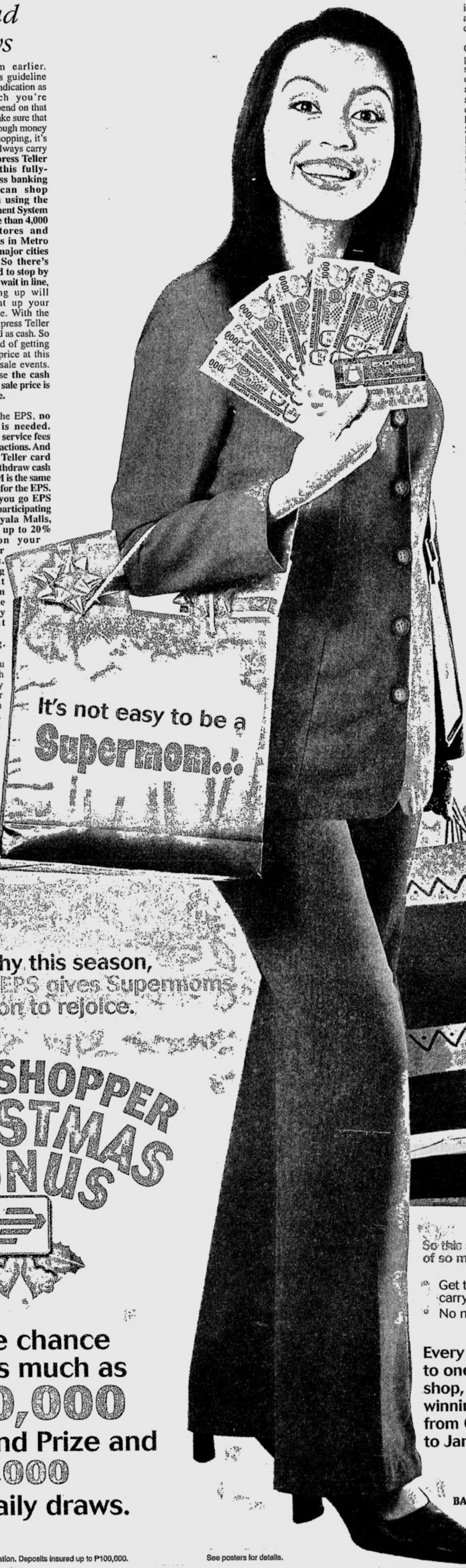
Remember, the Philippines celebrates Christmas longer than any other country in the world. So there's still enough time to spread cheer even after December 25.

PLAN YOUR NOCHE BUENA

After all that shopping, gift-wrapping and partying, you now reach the climax of the Christmas celebration - the Noche Buena. In deciding what to prepare, write out a menu consisting of one centerpiece dish, balanced with a few others. If your family has a traditional favorite, by all means prepare it. Then make a grocery list taking into account the number of people partaking of the feast, as well as the usual well-wishers who you'd expect will come and visit you the following day. And when you do go about purchasing what's in your Noche Buena grocery list, avoid the hassles of last-ditch, holiday ATM cash withdrawals. Shop without even doling out cash through BPI Express Teller's EPS.

Also, try to make your grocery list as complete as possible. So you can get everything you need in one stop. The queues at the check-out counters will extend up to the back of the supermarket. So going back in for an ingredient you forgot is simply out of the question.

If you keep in mind and actually put into practice these planning tips, you will, for yourself, for your family and close friends, make this Christmas truly the most wonderful time of the year.



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PIGSKIN
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Text by Anne A. Jambora
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NOBODY talks about the leather industry better than Fino owner and creative director Dr. Rommel Bautista. And no one is more passionate. "There's something about the smell and feel of leather that excites you," he says.

Take the ubiquitous briefcase, for instance, that many men take for granted. For Bautista, a briefcase is a statement. "Unlike a really expensive wallet that you have to take out of your bag, everybody sees [it right away]," he says.

The '90s may have belonged to the nylon generation, when Gucci and Prada, among many other designers, came out with stylish yet durable bags of this material. In the new century, however, Bautista says leather is back. "Leather is very hot, and has been so for the past three years, especially abroad. What's in right now is affluence in an understated sort of way."

And if there's any way showing that opulence off in a subtle, casual way, quality leather is the way to go.

In Fino's case, quality has never been compromised, not even when the leather business in the local market took a downturn a few years ago. The company stuck it out with using only the finest leather and materials (threads are still imported from France) and skilled craftsmanship. Bautista scours the world for that perfect leather.

Export is thy name

His persistence in excellence has paid off. Fino started to manufacture bags for big brand names and saw its designs land on reputable international fashion magazines.

But creating bags for major designers and exporting are not really Bautista's long-term plan for Fino. Besides, he says, although exporting may sound glamorous, it has its risks.

Fino, he says, is first and foremost a retailer; only 10 percent-15 percent of its goods is for export. He says it takes too much time manufacturing for other brands. The employees work overtime and machines are exhausted just to beat deadlines, and less time is given to the retail end. Price haggling has become the norm, especially with the emergence of China and its cheap labor costs. "There's too much trouble... *babaratin ka pa pagdating sa singilan*," he says.

However, relying solely on the local market won't do the company any good, either, since most Filipinos don't have the luxury of spending too much. Filipinos would rather buy clothes or shoes more often than, say, replace their wallets or bags. "*Kahit gaano mo kamahal 'yung sapatos, 'pag mukha nang aso 'yan* you're not going to wear it again," he says. It is the foreign market and the *balikbayan* Filipinos that have sustained Fino in the last few years.

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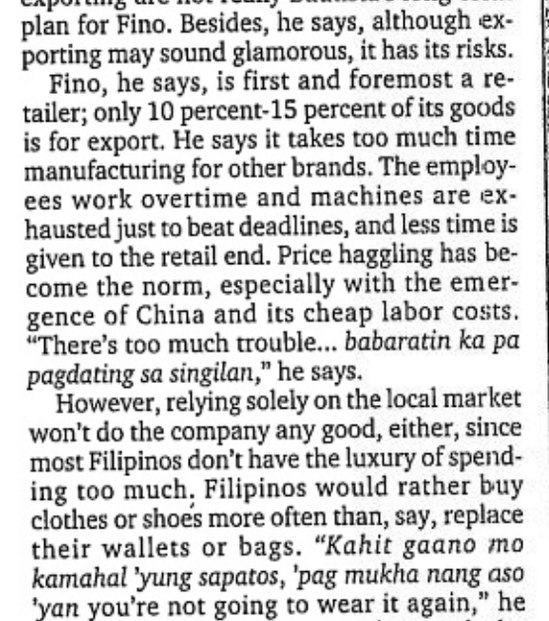

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Leather leader

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In an attempt to tap the huge market abroad, the company boldly brought the brand overseas to niche communities early this year. Its first endeavor was to bring Fino to Union Street, San Francisco, CA. So far, the reviews have been good, and a second shipment is already on the way.

Negotiations for a tie-up and a bigger store space are already in the works, which Bautista hopes to take into full swing by January. "Since our brand is already available there, hopefully there will be name recall."

BAMBOO bag

MESSENGER and overnight bag

Filipino pride

Fino wants to make a statement in leather, he says, as Filipinos are already getting recognized for their craftsmanship. "If these designs are doing very well there—original ideas by Filipinos and designed by Filipinos—then I think [Fino] has accomplished [its] mission," he says.

Designs, including those exported, are kept to the classic, conservative look with simple construction since Fino exports what it sells locally. Filipinos can only be adventurous in terms of color, like going for something red, he says. But they don't go for funky designs.

At present, Fino has four branches: Glorietta 3, Power Plant-Rockwell, Shangri-La Mall Edsa and Alabang Town Center. By the end of the year, it will open a shop at the new Terminal 3.

> Fino expects to contribute to the growing prestige of Filipino design abroad by expanding the horizons of leather

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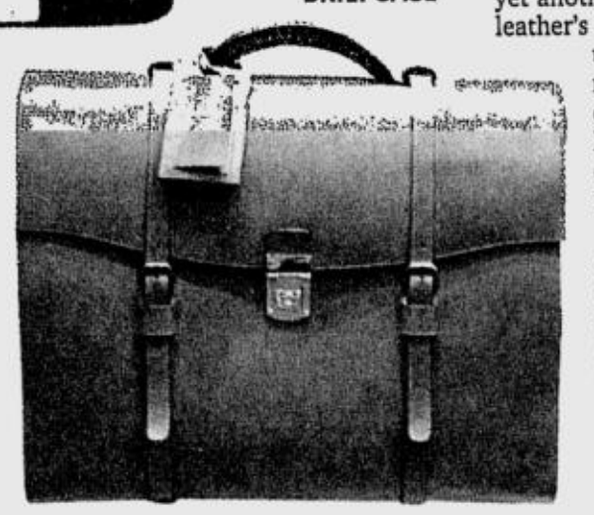

DR. Rommel Bautista

Ten years of doing bags is enough to drive one nuts, Bautista says. This year he is taking yet another step with Skin, a showroom for leather's different applications. He will team up with an architect, a furniture-maker and a contractor for the high-end shop, which will be all about leather interiors—furniture, tables, doorknobs, floors, walls and every imaginable home accessory.

Through the custom-order showroom, Bautista hopes to open the Filipino's mind to the different applications of leather. Technology, it seems, has kept up with the use of leather. New chemicals and state-of-the-art process has made leather durable.

The leather champion hopes that the venture will expand the horizons of leather in the country. "[Skin] will feed their imagination and creativity through its unique showcase," he says.

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CANVAS SOLARIS RED LINE. Overnight bag, oval hand tote, briefcase, planner

New IT store branch opens

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AVSurfer Imus has a consumer-friendly layout that will make browsing easy. Like all AVSurfer outlets, the Imus branch has a home theater room that will give consumers more than a preview of films. The room has comfortable couches and chairs, and is fully air-conditioned.

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Finding the right bag makes going to bazaars worth the hassle

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Bagful of bazaars

By Camille Cruz-Reyes
Contributor

BAZAARS may mean traffic jams, mobs of people, and crowded spaces. But at least one or two may allow you to walk out with a find, making you feel it was worth the trip and the hassle.

This year, accessories dominate. Bazaars have, in fact, become the favorite hunting ground for bags.

Bags come in a wide variety. They are distinguished by texture in all forms: striped, patched, embroidered, colored, tiered and sequined.

As the holidays near, smaller bags and purses are the choice. They may be either plain or highly ornamented. They may be used for long-gown affairs or semi-formal occasions. Plain or decorated, they're a perfect find for a reasonable price.

Those looking for unorthodox bags may try the light pastels with a nice cotton-linen drawstring closure. Those bags are good personal gifts or giveaways.

COLORFUL striped purse with floral accents and metal chain strap by Aranaz

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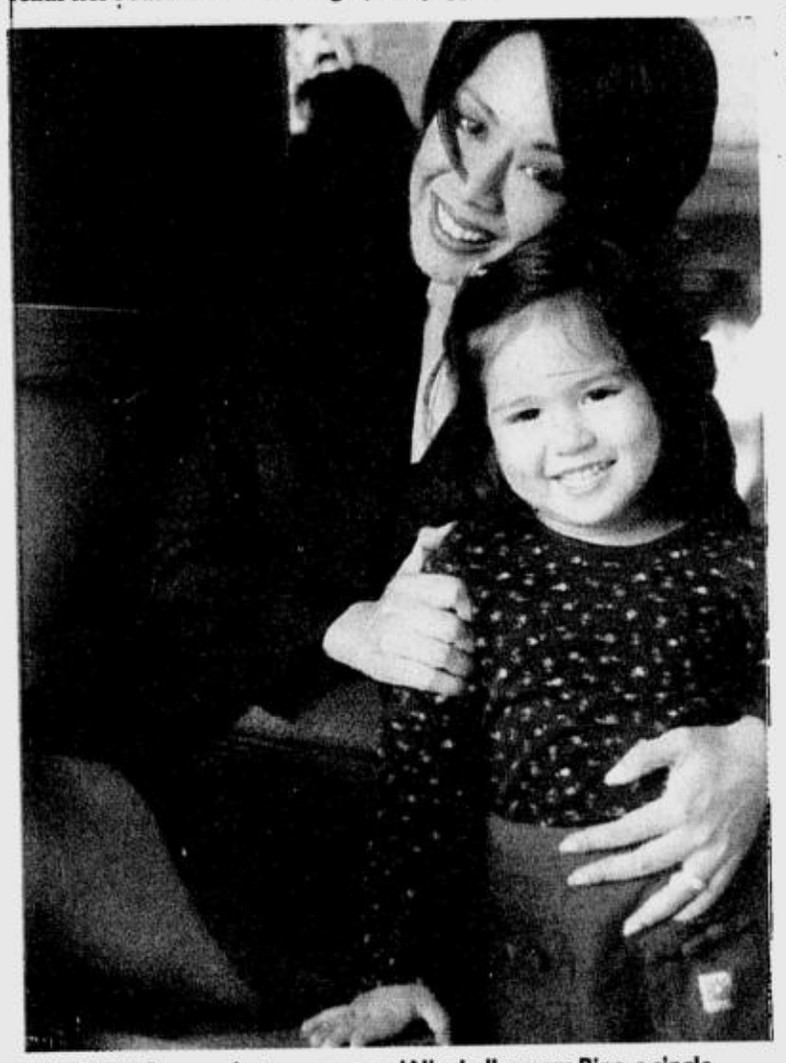
This designer really plays vice-versa

Rina Silayan-Go juggles domestic chores and running Viseversa

THOUGH the public knows her as the designer behind Viseversa, Rina Silayan-Go is first and foremost a mom. "Nothing comes between me and Nicole. Everything takes a backseat," says Rina, a single parent to her 7-year-old girl. "At first I was worried that I wouldn't be able to handle it, but a godmother of Nicole's told me that if I made my daughter a priority, everything else would follow. And it's true!"

Taking after her own mother, social advocate Aurora Silayan-Go, Rina is a hands-on mom. In bed by 8 p.m. and up at 5 a.m., she drives her daughter to school in the morning, reads her bedtime stories at night, and juggles domestic chores with the challenges of heading a thriving fashion house. On Fridays, the girls join Rina's family for what has become a tradition with the Go's for the past 20 years--a much welcomed weekend in either Subic or Tagaytay.



"NOTHING comes between me and Nicole," swears Rina, a single parent to her 7-year-old girl.

Although things haven't always been picture-perfect (Rina laughingly recalls an instance years ago when she splashed milk on herself and Nicole while feeding the baby on a plane en route to Europe), parenthood apparently agrees with the designer.

"You know, watching Nicole growing up is such a joy!" she says with a smile. "She's the basis for everything."

Her latest collection contains the same polished lines and classic coordinates that take the wearer through many seasons. Rina leans toward styles and colors designed to keep up with a busy and fast-paced life. Details make all the difference with extended cuffs, flirty ruffles, bell sleeves and sporty inspirations as highlights of her basic yet versatile tops.

A love for stretch fabric and denim finds the designer dishing out well-tailored pants, skirts and shorts. "These days, there are so many activities, so many places to go," Rina says. "Even a woman is much more independent. She doesn't just have to be at home. She can go to the coffee shop, gym, movie, music bar or yoga class. Unlike before when a career woman would delegate tasks to her helpers and *yaya*. Personally, I enjoy going to the grocery and doing things myself! The more women live a full life, the more there's a need for clothes that satisfy that kind of lifestyle."

If Rina appears used to the rigors of motherhood, it's because her "first baby" prepared her for it. Now 13 years old and with branches in SM Megamall, Rustan's Makati, Alabang, Cubao, Harrison Plaza and the Edsa Shangri-La Plaza, Viseversa saw the former marketing coordinator of Seventeen Magazine New York single-handedly struggling to make sense of balance sheets, inventory levels, stock cards and other technical aspects of the fashion business.

"It's a detailed industry with a lot more numbers than you expected," says the designer, who credits her businessman father, Henry, for patiently teaching her the ropes. "You have fabric variations, color variations, size breaks and branch breaks. You also have to think of opening and closing store hours, which of your staff is absent, who left the key at home—things I never thought I'd concern myself with."

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Her intense involvement in the operations side of Viseversa took a toll on her spirit. "There was a time when I didn't know why I lost my creativity," she says. "It was when I decided to take care of myself that I realized who I was and what I was about." She was tempted to throw in the towel ("This is my last year!" she had exclaimed), but she persisted. "It's like your first child," she smiles of Viseversa. "You have to love it. People and things come and go, but passion never fades."

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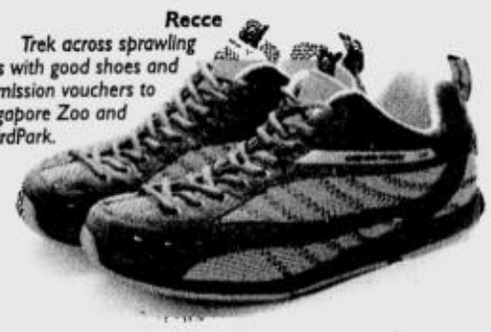

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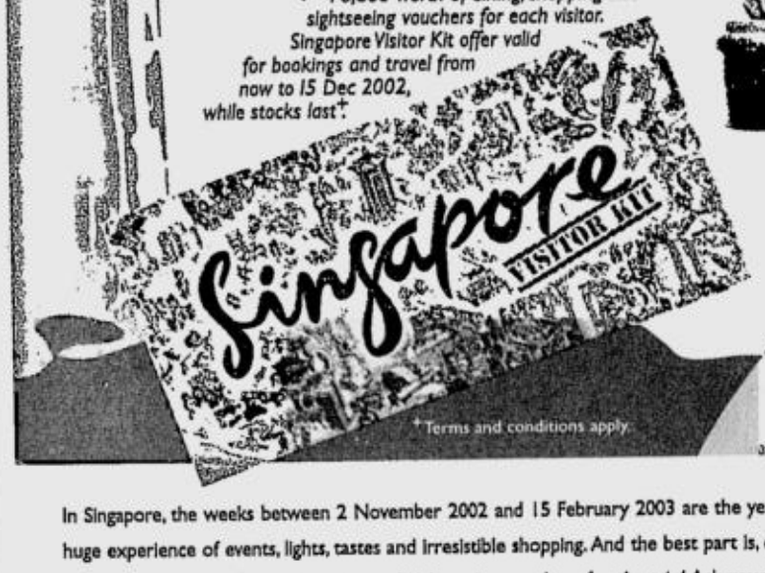

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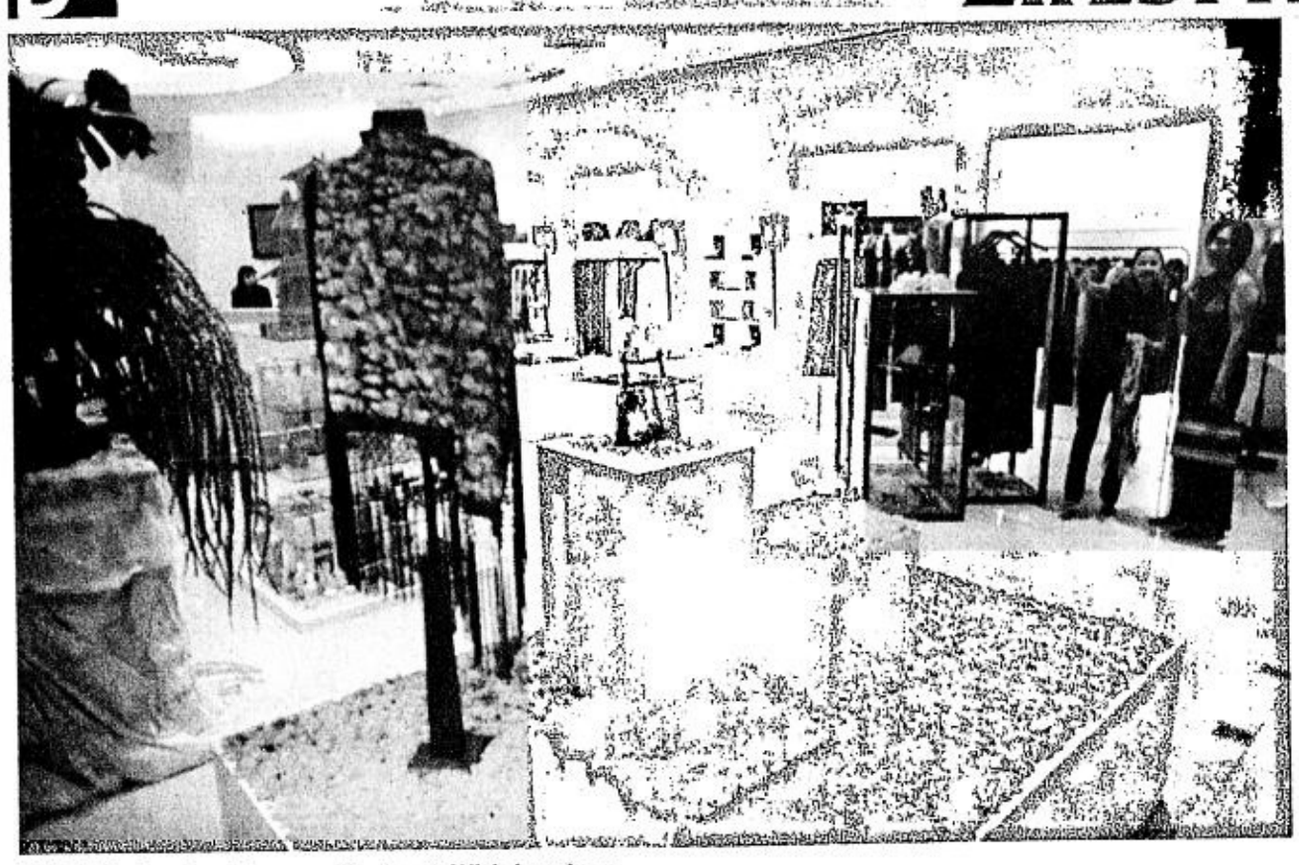

NATORI shawl and bag on display at Wish boutique

WISHES for rich and exquisitely-made fashion accessories came true when style den Wish unveiled the Josie Natori's fall 2002 collection of day and evening bags last Monday.

The collection made the female guests swoon ,as the drawstrings, hobos, satchels and totes were not just made of the finest alligator, strakan, nappa, suede, pigskin and satin, but also came with fancy embroidery, fringes, signature handle shapes, mink trims, jade and amethyst accents, and beadwork. Amid a setting created by Mabolo's Antonio Garcia and with Dom

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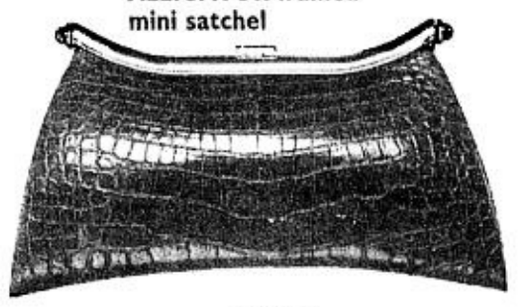
MASK embroidered tote



ALLIGATOR framed mini satchel

OBI satchel with scultured dragon handle

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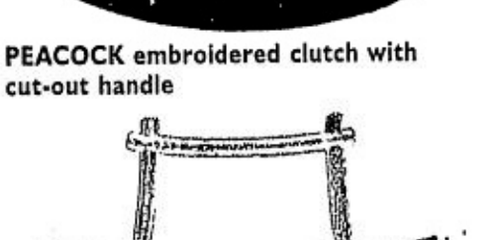

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ISING Vasquez, designer Natori, who is holding a chinoiserie drawstring, Dr. Daniel Vasquez and Tonette Martel

Wishing for a Natori

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Perignon overflowing and Cibo hors d'oeuvres tempting the senses, the bags were so hard to resist the first shipment sold out that night.

Guests were welcomed by no less than the designer herself, who looked ultra chic in her black St. Laurent suit. With Angeli Sison and Anthony Meer of Wish, she met and mingled with, among others, Lizzie Zobel, Virgie Ramos, Irene Martel Francisco, Margarita Fores, Lin Illusorio Bildner and daughter Angela, Josephine Knox, Gigi Mabanta, Tonette Martel, Zsa Zsa Padilla, Fe Rodriquez with son Junie, Paulo and Enrico Sison, Lulu Tan-Gan, Bela Vasquez, Vicky Belo, Wolfgang Krueger, Richard Riley, Joy Wassmer and Catherine Weir.

For Natori, who first enjoyed global glory for the fabulously detailed innerwear line bearing her name and proudly made in the Philippines, the launch doubled as a reunion with family and friends. Dad Felipe Cruz, Sr. and mom Angelita were special guests.

The Natori line of bags is available exclusively at Wish, located at the G/F, Makati Shangri-La Shopping Arcade, Ayala Avenue, Makati City.

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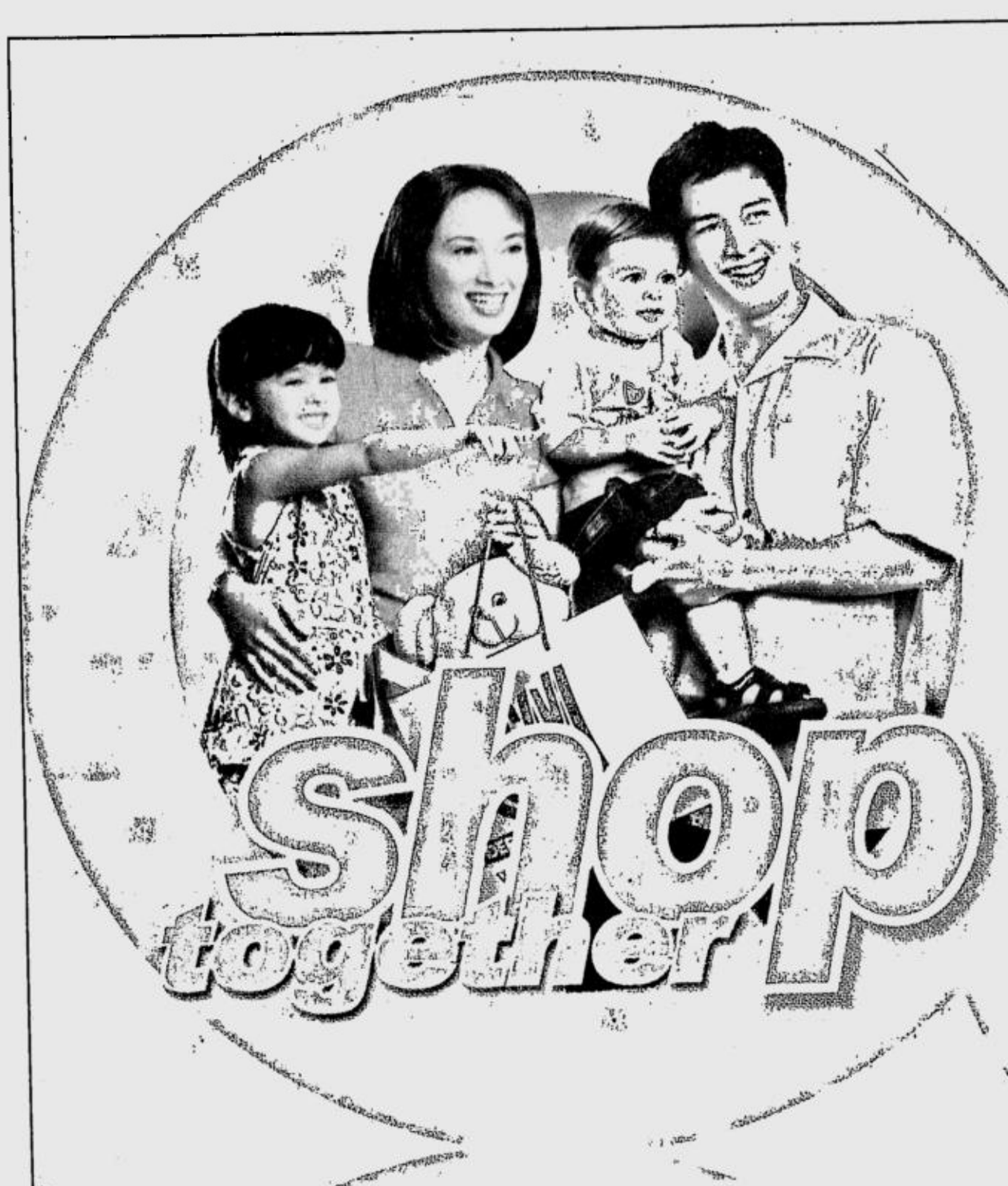

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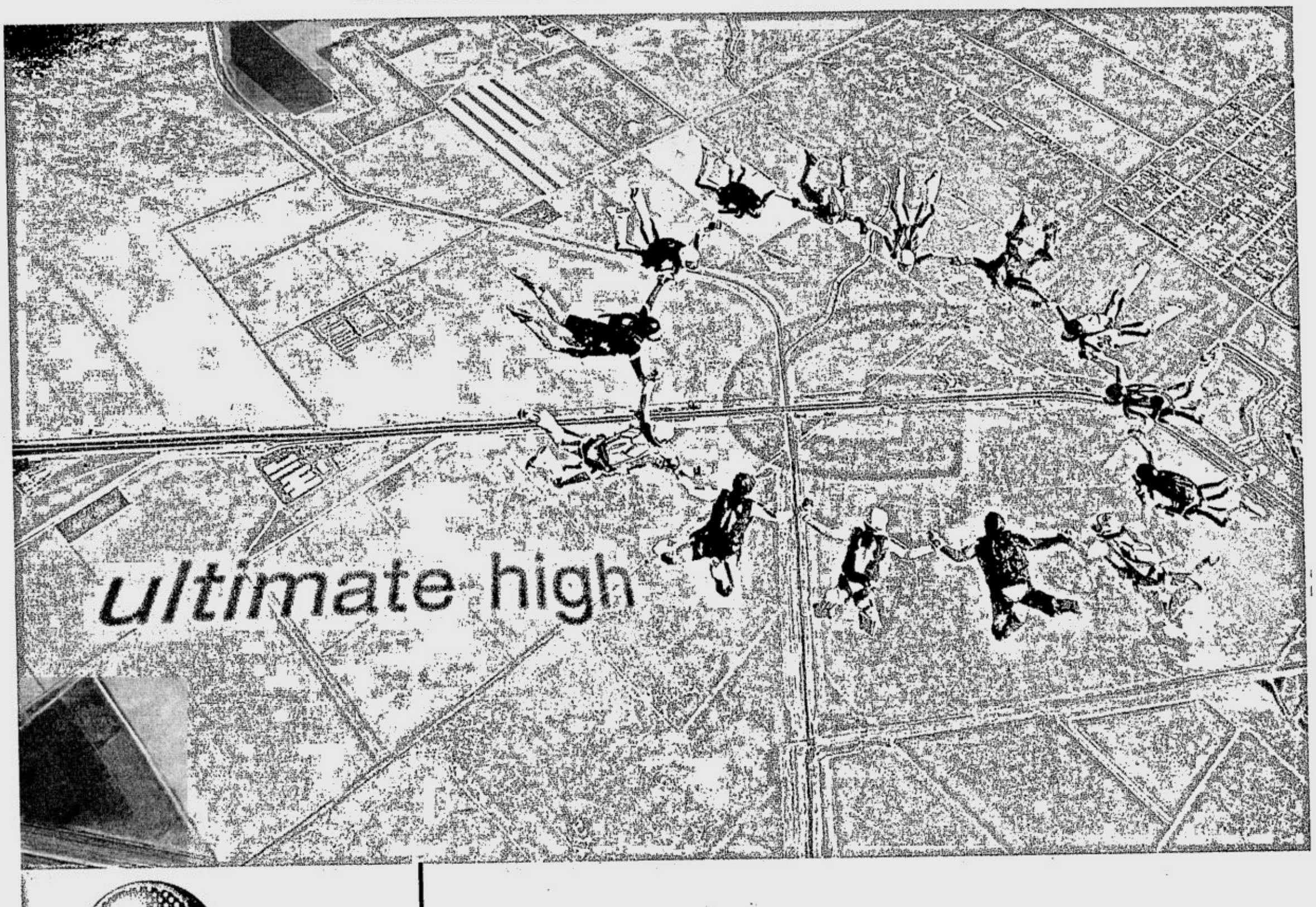

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FASHION ADVICE

Of wintry nights, scarred legs and 'preggy' problems

ALL MATERNITY CLOTHES FROM GINGERSNAPS

NOWADAYS, pregnant women can be as stylish and well dressed as they wish to be, due to the wealth of wardrobe options in the local market.

By Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

If you aren't enjoying your clothes, then you really are missing the point.—**Betty Halbreich with Sally Wadyca, "Secrets of a Fashion Therapist"**

A FRIEND remarked recently that pashminas are so out. I'm joining my boyfriend on a trip to Europe for Christmas. I'm thinking of packing my nice wool shawls. Is that a good idea? What are my alternatives for cold evenings when we have to go out? I'm tired of wool blazers and coats.

Pashminas have not been in the hot list of fashionistas for several seasons now, but I firmly believe that one must never be a slave to fashion and trends. I've always stressed the importance of personal style and dressing according to one's needs. So, go ahead and wear anything that suits you and makes you feel good about yourself. Pashminas and wool shawls will definitely serve their purpose in keeping you warm during the cold winter nights.

Last week, I wrote about winter wardrobe options for a simple woman who does not travel often. I recommended the use of a basic wool coat, as this is the most versatile item in a winter wardrobe. Admittedly, basic can also mean boring, but not necessarily so. I strongly suggest that you bring your old woolen coats to life through the use of different accessories that can create an appealing evening look. Colorful knitted caps, richly textured shawls, brocade or gazaar scarves and Missoni-like stoles that you can wrap around your neck, can create totally fresh looks for an old, tired piece. This way, you don't have to spend money on an expensive new coat if you already have one.

If you've truly had your fill of basic wool coats and jackets and want to buy new ones for special evenings out, you can purchase items that are made of other winter fabrics like luxurious velvet, cashmere or shearling. Or use fur accents and warm winter colors like sparkling coppers, deep bronzes and rich rusts, or subdued tones of gray from heather to charcoal, to add a bit of flair. You can also try wearing ponchos or capes that are so in vogue this season. As usual, it depends on what you are comfortable with.

Winter dressing can be fun and exciting, as winter is the perfect time to create a play of texture and color. Go ahead and combine sumptuous fabrics to produce real and apparent warmth and a seductive visual richness.

My legs have scars and blemishes from a rather carefree childhood. I get self-conscious whenever I put on a dress. I want to wear my little black dress to a somewhat formal affair. I have a pair of black Manolos that I have only worn with dressy trousers. Is it a fashion faux pas to wear nylons with mules for evening? Or should I apply makeup on my legs?

I do not recommend the use of stockings with mules anytime, anywhere. It's not only a fashion blunder, it's also a potentially slippery situation. I certainly don't want you reenacting Cinderella's scene as she ran from the palace at the stroke of midnight.

If you must wear a dress with mules and wish to disguise the scars and blemishes on your legs, use makeup. The same concealers and full-coverage foundations that you use on your face will suffice. Or you can use thicker, more professional concealers like Dermablend. The key is in blending the makeup completely so that there are no telltale signs. You can use your fingers, brushes or sponges to apply and blend the concealers. You may find it difficult at first, but as in all things, practice makes perfect.

Should you decide to forego makeup, stick to your trousers and mules combination, which you are probably more comfortable with. Or wear your black dress and nylons with a pair of pumps.

You can also address this dilemma by finding means of improving the appearance of your scars and blemishes. One way is to use store-bought whitening creams that you can apply diligently, day in and day out. Hopefully, this is enough to lighten the marks.

Dr. Jonathan A. Dizon, a dermatologist and laser surgeon at the St. Luke's Medical Center, says that there is no permanent treatment for scars. They can only be revised and improved in appearance. He says, "Round or coin shaped scars may be surgically excised to create linear ones, which are more cosmetically acceptable to the patient. Depressed scars can be treated with fillers to even

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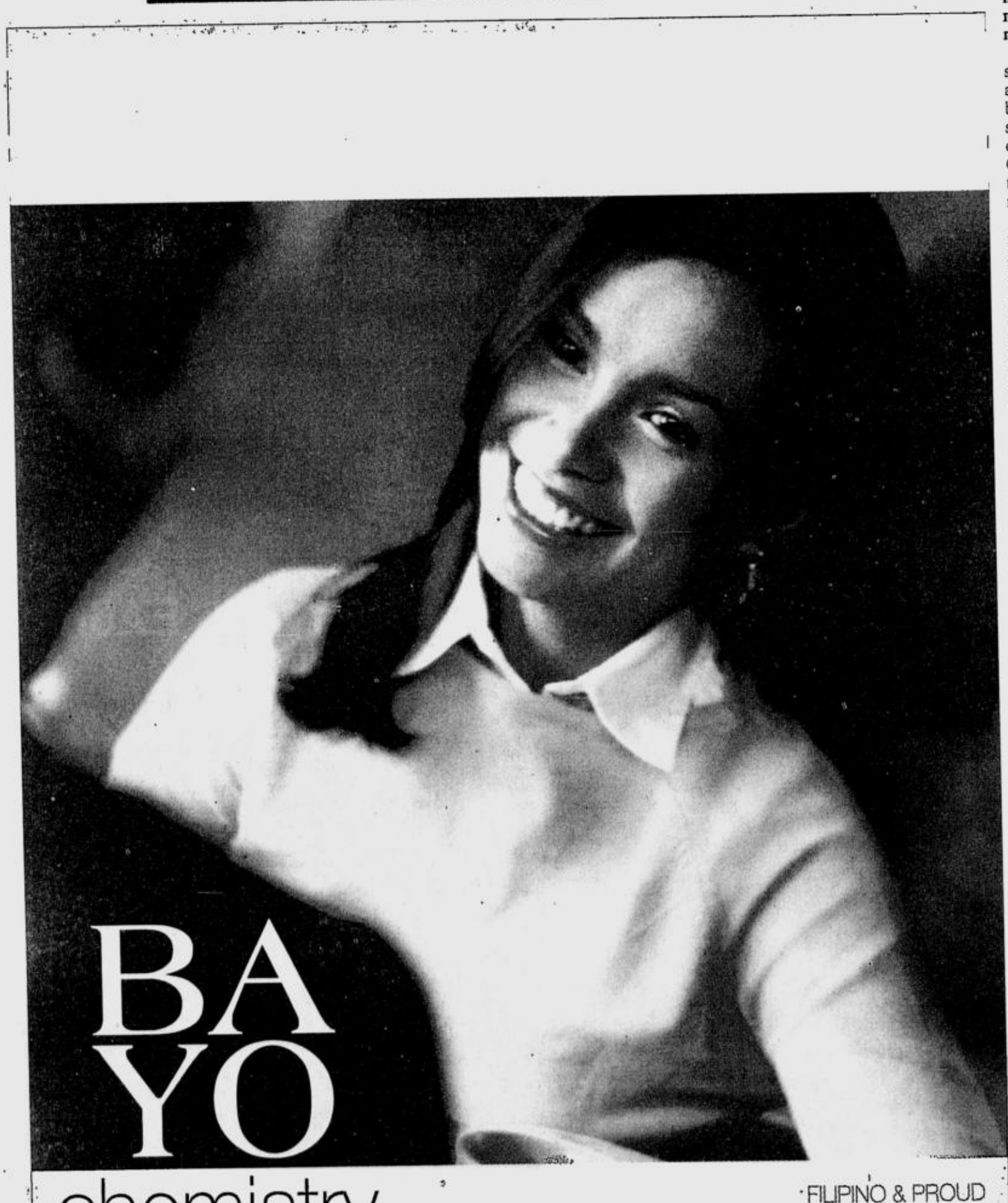

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them out. Meanwhile, elevated and discolored ones can be addressed in so many different ways. There are laser treatments, dermabrasion, chemical peels, creams, lotions and medicines, to name a few."

I'm five months pregnant with my first child and my belly is getting bigger and rounder. I would like to buy fashionable and modern maternity clothes that I can wear for the next four months. Any suggestions?

When I was pregnant with my first child 11 years ago, I had a difficult time finding maternity clothes in the local market. There was a dearth of fashionable options back then. Choices were somewhat limited to cutesy-cutesy, sailor-inspired eyesores or beribboned, pastel-colored dresses that resembled the lowly *duster* (housedress).

I simply refused to wear any of those, so I raided my husband's closet for men's collared shirts that I matched with regular leggings or trousers. The tent dress was also all the rage so I asked my designer friends to make some for me.

You must thank your lucky stars that there are now numerous stores in Manila that offer fashionable, practical, and more importantly, reasonably priced maternity clothes. Nowadays, pregnant women like you can be as stylish and well dressed as you wish to be. You can purchase clothes from boutiques like Gingersnaps, Big and Small, and Basics. Even department stores like Rustan's and Shoemart have updated their maternity lines.

Since you want your outfits to last till you give birth, I suggest that you purchase items that offer adequate room to grow. Tops and dresses should have enough allowance to accommodate your growing belly and breasts. Maternity bottoms are normally made with adjustable waistlines so you can wear them up to your ninth month of pregnancy.

Gingersnaps owner Sabrina Uy says, "There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to dressing during one's pregnancy. Weight gain differs from woman to woman. Just make sure that the items you buy have additional room for your belly to grow in."

You can also opt to wear pieces with a certain amount of lycra so that they stretch, pull and expand along with your belly. Cindy Crawford, Madonna and Jada Pinkett-Smith have been photographed wearing such body-hugging styles. This is a great way to celebrate your womanhood and curvaceous new figure. The only potential problem is that items made of stretch fabrics emphasize the shape and form of your body. So, if you're a bit modest, you may not want to wear anything too form-fitting or revealing.

But then again, it also depends on the cut and make of a certain article of clothing. Brands like The Pregnancy Survival Kit offer coordinates with just a bit of lycra for comfort. Their items are basic in color, modern in style and easy to mix and match.

When building your maternity wardrobe, maximize your options by remembering basic principles like working around a neutral color, emphasizing your assets while disguising your flaws and buying pieces that are interchangeable.

Note: The photographs of winter wardrobe options that were featured last Friday, Nov. 8, were from Mango's winter 2002 collection.

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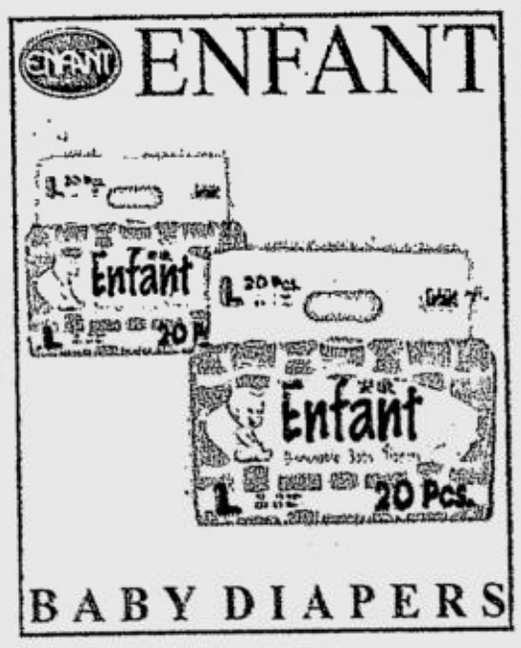

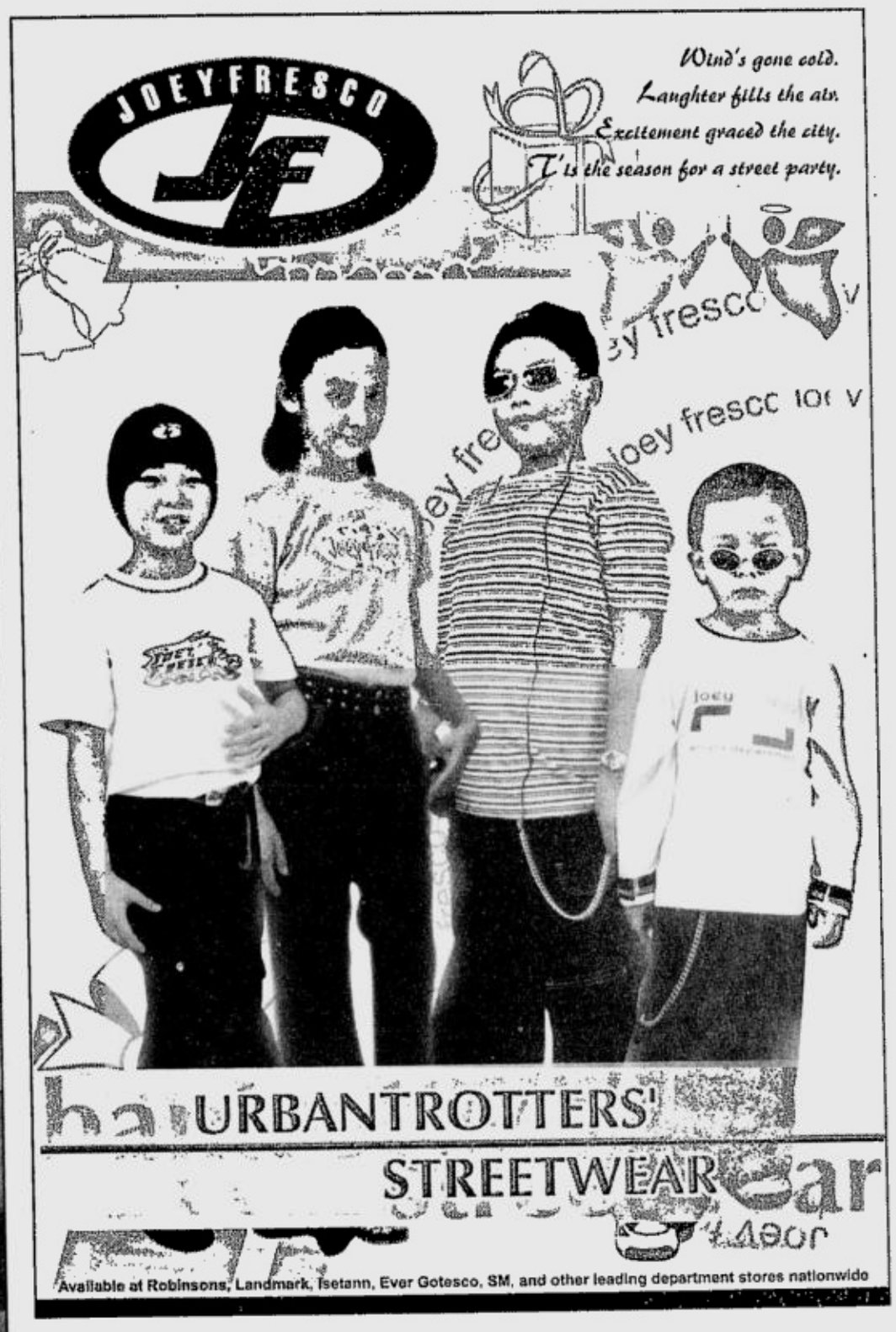

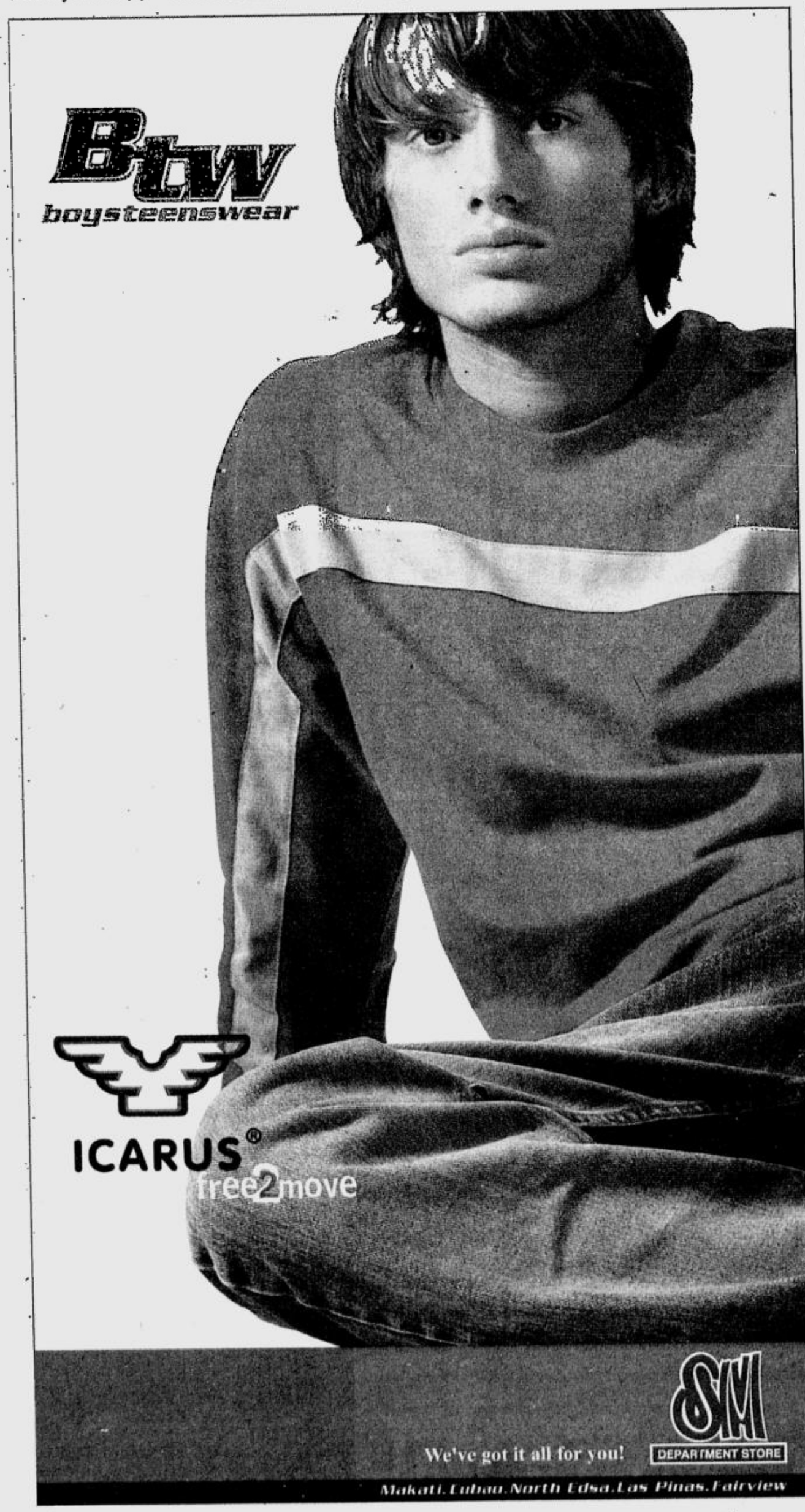

Accentuating the assets of big women

DRESSY black attires of light material feature assymetrical hemlines.

Full-figured women live their biggest fashion dreams in a store specializing in chic, plus-size apparel

BOHEMIAN goes plus size, paired with denim jeans or skirt.

By Joy Rojas
Contributor

ALTHOUGH he appreciates ladies of all shapes and sizes, 25-year-old entrepreneur Jong See believes that the beauty of a full-figured woman lies in her ability "to automatically light up a room with her presence. *Iba ang* mindset *nila*. They're so bubbly and cheerful when you're with them."

He's certainly given them more reason to smile in the last couple of years. As the creative director and operations manager of Tubby, See is constantly redefining fashion for women who have had to contend with tent-like tops and other camouflaging coordinates in slimming black for years. At Tubby's seventh outlet on the 5th level of the Edsa Shangri-La Mall in Mandaluyong, sandblast jeans and frilly peas-

DENIM overcoat, red knit top and light knit pants

ant blouses are the rage, as are capris with laced up sides, and a spectrum of colors ranging from muted hues to stand-out whites and reds. Pronounced as "to be," the name not only refers to "tubby" or big women, but to the shop's main desire. "Being a big woman somehow affects your self-esteem, especially since it's so hard to find outfits your size," explains See who is also the force behind M Big Men, the strapping guy's version of Tubby. "Through our clothes, we want women 'to be' the kind of women they can be or always wanted to be, by dressing in styles and colors."

See was a first-year law student at San Beda when he was sidetracked into his unlikely career in 2000. As the brother of a full-figured older sister who traveled frequently to the United States to buy clothes and shoes that fit, See (whose family is related to the group that brought Tokyo Fashion and Giordano to the country) took on the mammoth task of setting up Tubby shops and creating a collection based on ongoing international fashion trends. The first Tubby opened in SM City, and today the plus-size store for women has found its way into SM Manila, Alabang Festival Mall, SM Southmall, Robinsons Galleria, SM Pampanga and Edsa Shangri-La. Accessories were introduced in the stores recently, and undergarments are expected to make it into Tubby's shelves soon.

Accentuating assets

Generous silhouettes coupled with the clothes' contemporary styles explain why Tubby's clientele keep coming back for more. Sizes range from a Small to XXX Large, with a "small" translating to a "large" in normal sizing. As for the apparel, Tubby (which introduces three to four new designs every week) insists on accentuating assets, not hiding them.

TIE-DYED blouse and skirt have cool '70s appeal.

While the classic polo with three-fourths sleeves is still selling like hotcakes, other daring outfits are fast following suit: off-shoulder blouses were snapped up instantly, and so was a sporty tank and blouse with a see-through back. Sleeveless tops are beginning to enjoy brisk sales, and calf-length skirts sporting an eight-inch slit offer as much leg view as a mini. "Full-figured Filipinas are still very conservative," observes See, who gladly assists customers whenever he's in the stores. "I think it's because of our culture's belief that if you're fat you're not sexy. We're trying to slowly change that."

A fashion show directed by Robbie Carmona slated on Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m., at the Edsa Shangri-La Mall should inspire ample women to celebrate their size through stylish apparel. Vintage clothes, smart suits and cool bohemian get-ups are among the outfits audiences can expect in Tubby's 40-plus-piece collection. Look out for subdued tones as well as unusual fabrics like suede. "You'll see something very different from what you usually see in our store—and from everybody else," the creative director said.

With Tubby outlets in Robinsons Ermita and SM Bacoor scheduled to open at the end of the year, does this finally indicate an acceptance and appreciation for the full-figured female? See is optimistic. "Well, I have guy friends whose girlfriends are heavy-set. It's a preference. And research shows that one out of every 10 Filipinos is overweight—a percentage that grows every year. So, yes, it could happen in the future."

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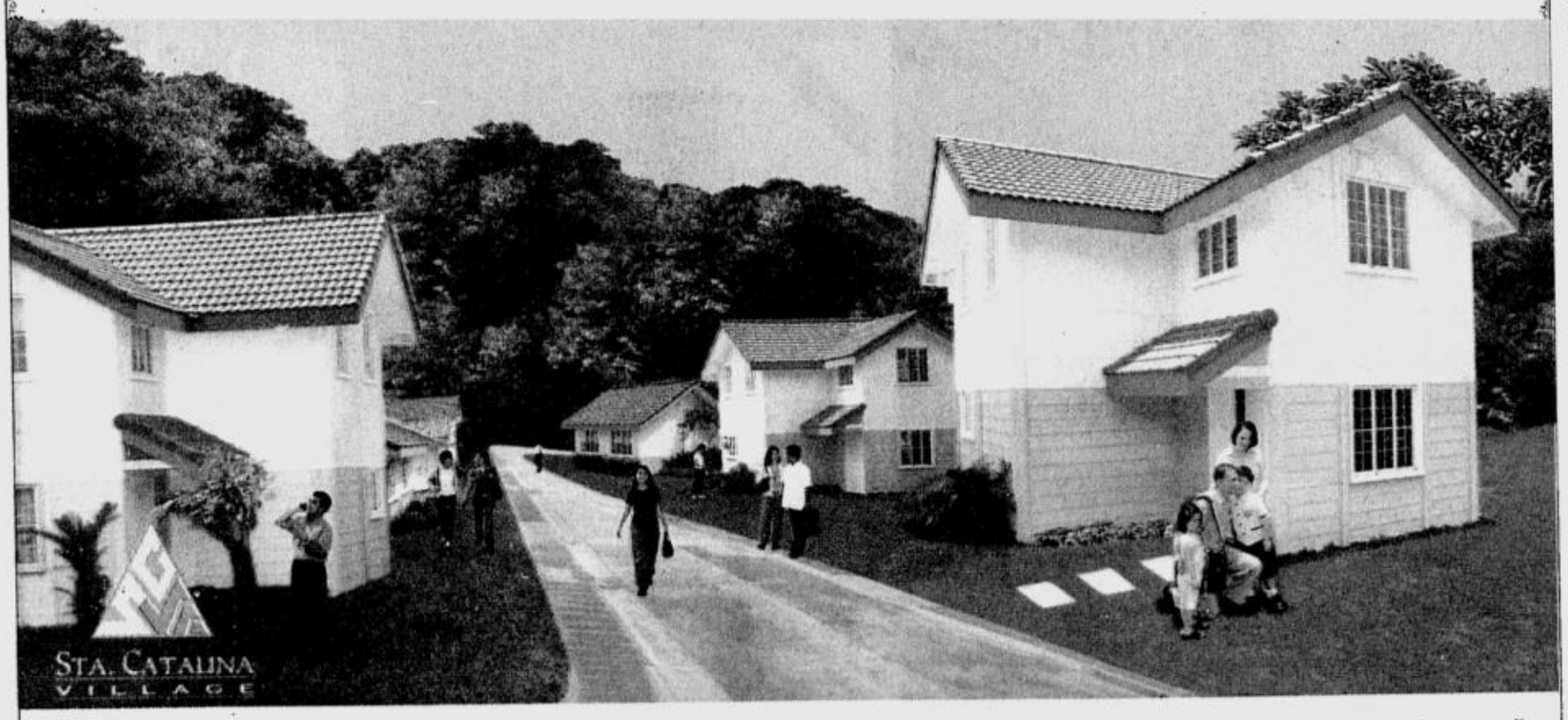

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Fashion inspirations from the wildwildwest

SM fashion revisits America's wild frontier and rediscovers the stylish possibilities of lace-ups, fringes, leather and studs.

This season's hottest wardrobe buys are wildly chic combinations of folkloric, peasant, ethnic, prairie, hip, bohemian, even romantic influences culled from a vast storehouse of fashion ideas inspired by the American West.

Daring Elegance

Aptly dubbed by SM Fashion as the **Wild Wild West** Collection, the wardrobe ensemble projects an attitude of elegant daring within the disciplined confines of style.

The tops featured in this page for instance are in classic pale fire whites and subdued neutrals, earth-friendly colors that bring to the fore the free spirited character of the region that inspired the look.

The blouses, currently the centerpiece of the Ladies' Wear Department fashion display, are available in three-fourths sleeves, long sleeves and haltered styles.

Preferred fabrics include plain or printed cotton stretch, swiss cotton, chiffon, suede and soft corduroy. Aside from the classic blacks and whites, colors are in neutral tones: khaki, brown and camel. Blouse details play up ruffles, lace combinations and lace-ups.

How To Wear Them

Matched with stretch leg-hugging denims (their bottoms flared, the better to comfortably show off high heeled leather boots), the collection sports collars that open up to cleavage. Front closures are embellished with criss-crossed lace-ups.

The blouses are worn with a bit of midskin peeking out over hipster jeans accented with low-slung belts with fringes swinging at the ends or circled waist-high and buckled up.

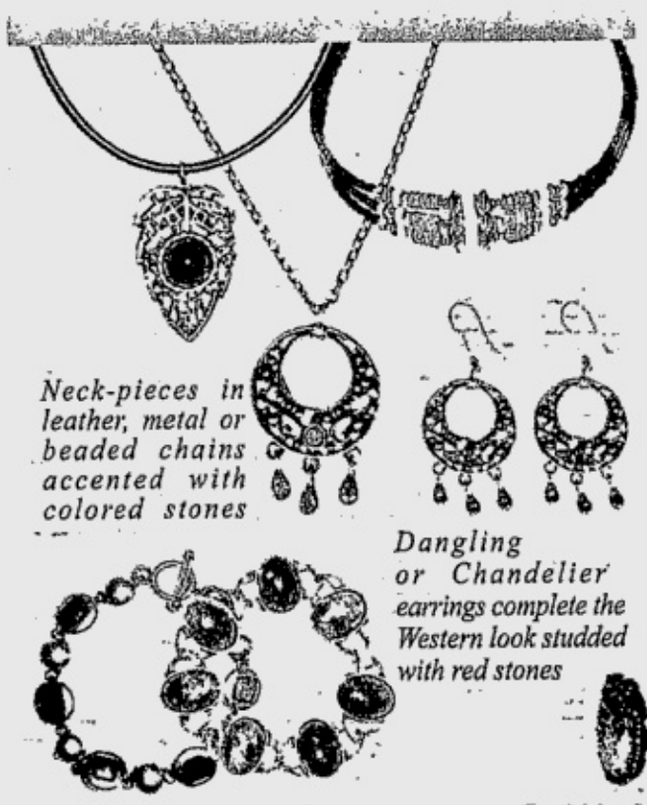
Matching pants or skirts are usually in denim, cotton stretch or corduroy with colors complementing the tops: washed denim, khaki, black, brown and camel.

Suede fringe bags are appealing wardrobe coordinates in a carefree, wild west sort of way

Swingers, Danglers And Such

The key to the Wild West fashion statement is the pairing of the classically simple tops (unadorned except for the front closure designs) with pants and accessories that complete the daring yet elegant look.

Wild West belts are crafted from leather which are embroidered with floral designs or accented with studs or fringes. Antiqued metal combinations are encrusted with colored stones, or filigreed. These items are available at the SM Ladies Accessories Department.

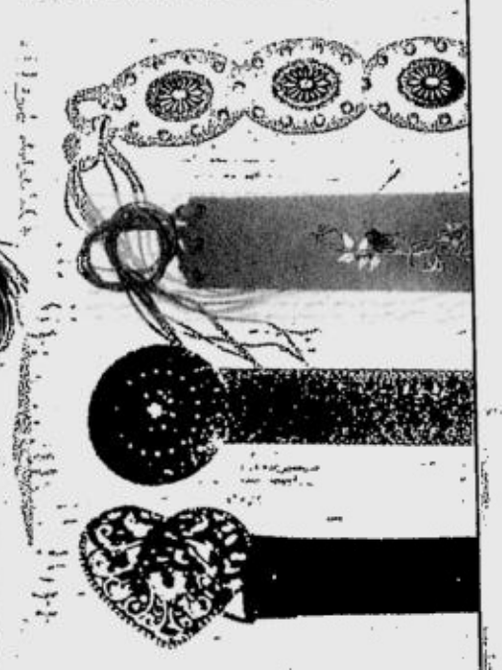


Neck-pieces in leather, metal or beaded chains accented with colored stones

Dangling or Chandelier earrings complete the Western look studded with red stones

Add a Wild West flair to your look with these great looking bracelets of metal strung with colored stones

Big daring bracelets perfectly complement the look of untamed elegance of this season's Wild West wardrobe.



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NafNaf meets the needs of the dynamic young woman with dynamic fashion that never runs out of steam

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Whim, whimsy, and women

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

OH, THE pleasures of being young! Parisian label NafNaf indulges young women in their every whim with its complete line of apparel and accessories.

In NafNaf racks, colors abound with prints and stripes, pastels and denim blues, sanguine reds and plain neutrals. The cuts are sexy, frill-pretty, so feminine and very in the moment. The best part is, they are reasonably priced. Any woman can afford to look Franco-chic without going *pauvre*.

The bags and shoes are a delightful mix. Totes and satchels come in every shape and material—from classic leather to canvas, patent to denim, cutesy purse to mod bowling bag. Shoe-philes can indulge in wooden thongs, comfy flatties and feet-flattering strappies.

A woman always wants to look her best—whether shopping, on a hot date at the movies, or just plain chilling with friends. NafNaf makes that possible—without the kinks.

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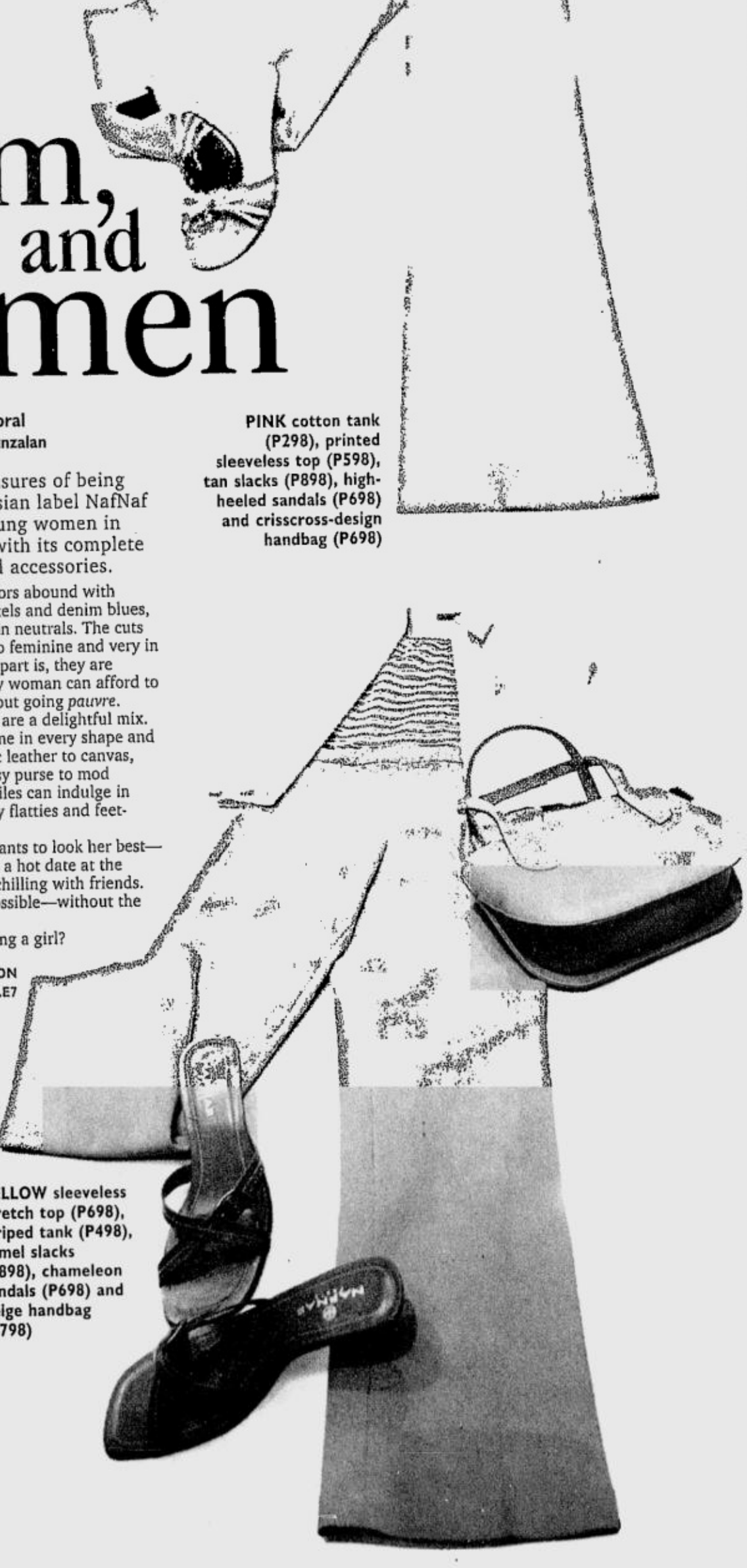

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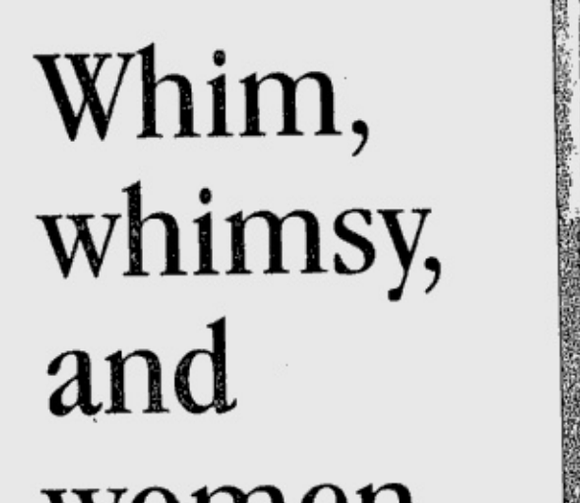

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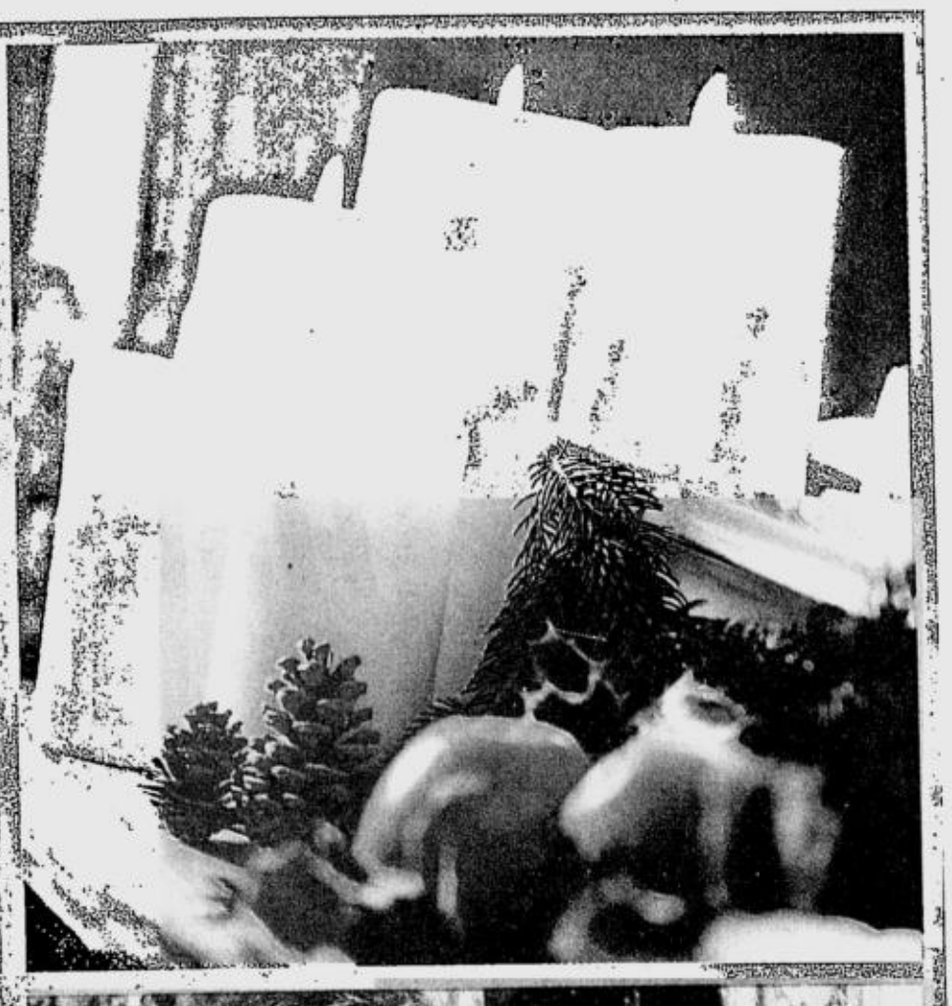

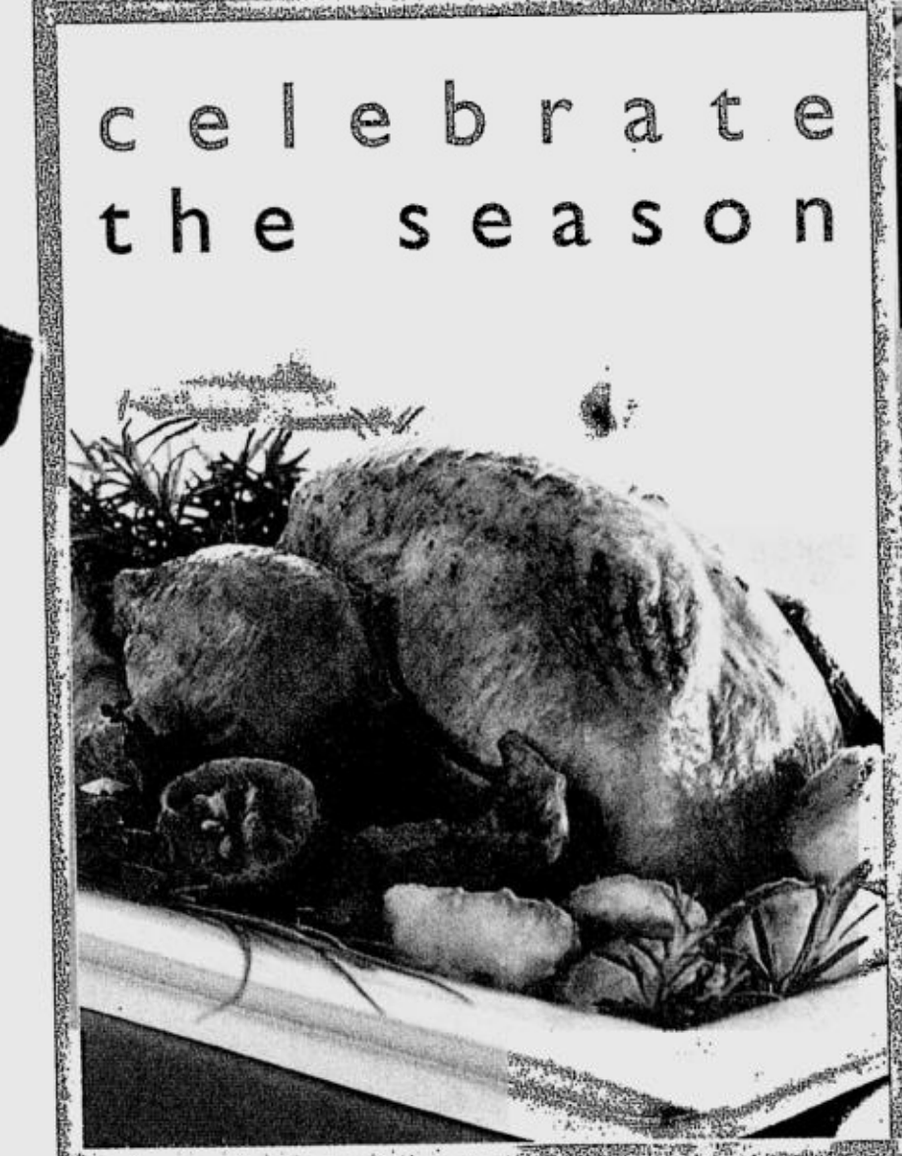

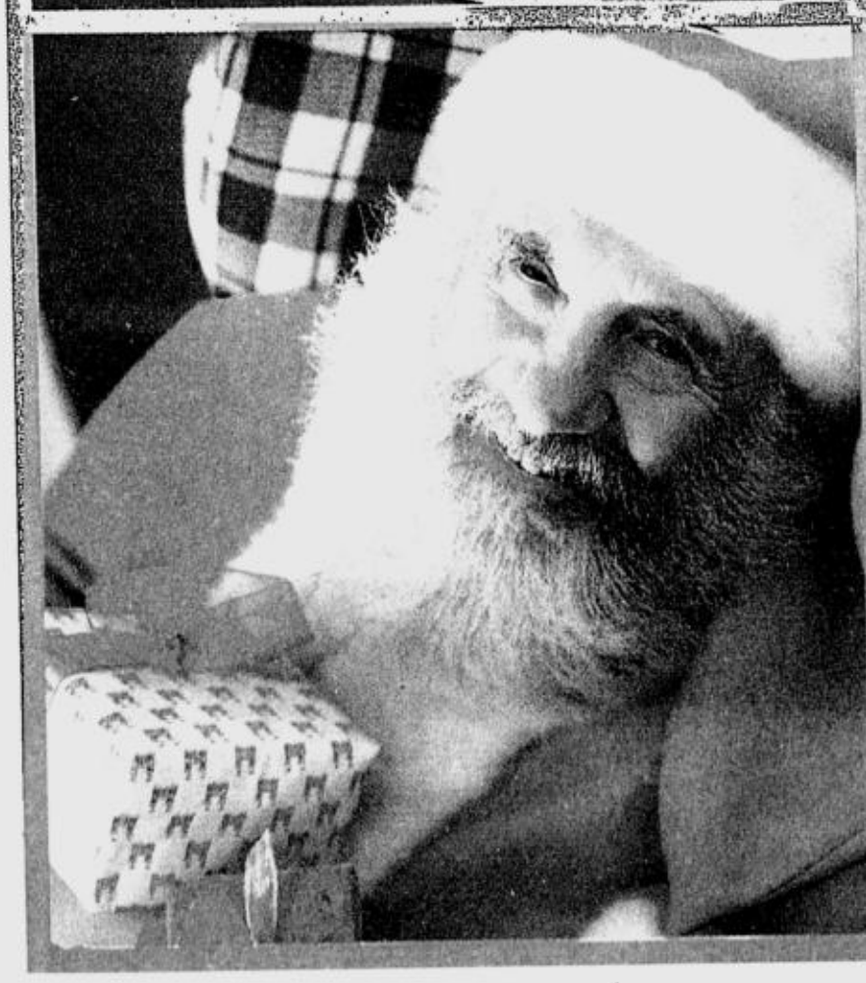

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American dream becomes international 'dress code'

WHAT began as an American dream became a tradition when three brothers from France launched a fresh idea that would shape the future of denim fashion. In 1981, the Marciano brothers introduced the stonewashed, three-zip Marilyn jeans into the marketplace, and Guess? was born.

Retailers initially greeted the concept with skepticism. Buyers thought denim was dated, but in the minds of the Marciano brothers, instincts stood above reason. The three-zip Marilyn jeans were sexy—the jeans for those who wanted to make a statement and express individual style and attitude. After much resistance, Bloomingdale's agreed to sell some two dozen pairs of the Marilyn three-zip jeans.

Within hours, the entire stock was sold out.

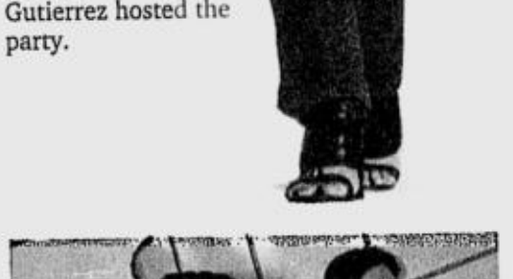
Guess? infiltrated popular culture and became an icon of the generation. It created groundbreaking advertisements featuring sexy, sultry models, previously unknown in the industry, who became superstars overnight. Models such as Claudia Schiffer, Carré Otis, Eva Herzigova and Naomi Campbell launched their careers in the original Guess? campaigns.

With striking images and fresh new products, the brand began gaining international recognition. In the '80s, Guess? products expanded beyond men's and women's jeans. Baby Guess?, Guess? watches, Guess? footwear, Guess? eyewear and Guess? Parfum were created. The '90s saw rapid international expansion bringing the Guess? American tradition to South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

Two decades after the first Guess? jeans debuted, the brand became the most recognized in the world of fashion. This year, Guess? celebrated its 20th anniversary. A grand bash at the Wilshire Ebell Theater was held to commemorate the important milestone.

Manila joined the celebration by hosting its own party recently at the NBC Tent at The Fort. Highlight of the affair was a gala fashion presentation featuring models Ivy Vong, Joy Caralde, Gladys and Girly Benitez, Michelle Reyes, Kookoo Ganigan and Verns Buckley.

The Rage Band, featuring Juan Miguel Salvador and Marissa Bunag, performed '80s hits. Among the guests were talent manager Angeli Pangilinan, Eddie Gutierrez, Pinky Amador, Carlo Orosa, Jessa Zaragoza, Dingdong Avanzado, Renee Salud, Jenine Desiderio and Jamie Rivera. Ruffa Gutierrez hosted the party.



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By Jose Javier Reyes
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IN THE COMPANY of women desperately trying to remain in their 30s although they are now pushing 40, the atmosphere can be—uh—somewhat bleak. Worse, the members of this Sunday afternoon coven not only are about to enter midlife (assuming any if not all of them will live to be 80), but are also all single and childless.

All educated, the women are tastefully fashionable and able to distinguish pashmina from commercial wool. They have brains and hard work and circumstance have brought them success.

They occasionally talk about friends and acquaintances who chose domesticity over career.

"To think she was a vamp in college going out with half the La Salle football team, *ha*?" The transformation of the '70s gorgeous campus sex kitten into the Woman who Lived in a Shoe sends tremors down the spines of these people.

The thought of occupying one's self by preparing the perfect roast beef or stringing crystal beads results in disgusted wails.

The idea of giving up a career for family horrifies some members and intrigues others.

Hard to find

"I've chosen this kind of life because I never met the right man," declares one. "If I am going to give up so much for a man, he better be

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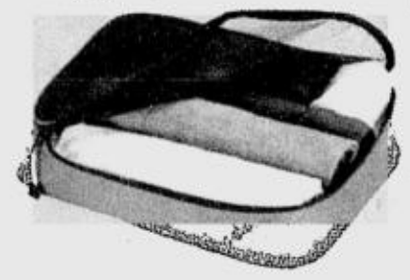
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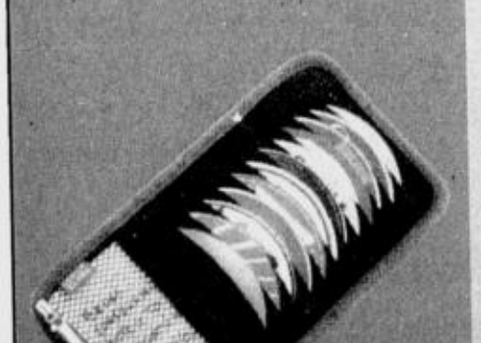
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'If I am going to give up so much for a man, he better be worth it'

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worth it. And, well, there isn't one I found out there."

In the next 15 minutes, the women list down the men who, at some point, mattered to them. Having established that no one is a lesbian, the women agree that they could have been happy icing upside down cakes if *only* men were deserving of their time, energy and ova.

A rundown of ex-boyfriends, potential paramours and unrequited/unfulfilled/unaccountable affairs elicit emotions ranging from bitterness to relief comparable to that produced by laxatives.

"They're all the same, you know! I have yet to meet a man who does not feel insecure about a woman more intelligent and successful than him," says a woman with an MBA from Wharton, who graduated summa cum laude from the University of the Philippines, and the only person we know who actually read Thomas Pynchon's "Gravity's Rainbow" and understood what it was about. "I am not about to act stupid just to make a man feel superior."

Her romantic track record includes an aborted affair with a college professor, an intense yet all too brief entanglement with a doctor of philosophy in Mathematics, and a quirky but somewhat deviant involvement with a European who has a strange fetish for candle-dripping practices in the bedroom.

"If only you can find a man sensitive enough to respect women's feelings," sighs the cosmopolitan merchandiser who concocts gourmet meals and who included in her will her collection of Prada shoes and bags. "Men are basically boors. After the predictable courtship period, they become unmindful of the growth of nose hair and center the entire relationship on their orgasm."

Despite an impeccable taste for clothes, music, painting, jewelry, food, furniture and floral arrangements, her choice of men often spells disaster. Her love life is like Shabby Chic-meets-Fear Factor.

There is the always up and coming actor, the heir apparent to the "loot" of an old-rich family and, worse, the too-good-to-be-true connoisseur who almost involved her in a concubinage law suit.

Basic criteria

"I don't even expect them to be faithful," the corporate lawyer, who wears Armanis, Escadas and St. Johns that project her intelligence and authority while showcasing her femininity, says. "I just demand some discretion, not to spill crap all over the place, expecting women to... clean up the mess."

She recounts her disastrous encounter with perhaps her one and only love, a boy from college who shared her dream of becoming a member of the Supreme Court. Getting a Nutrition student from another university pregnant, the man now buys and sells imported secondhand cars, and was even linked to a pyramid scam.

"God really loves me," the lawyer says. "Can you imagine what I would have been if he got me pregnant instead?" But she still does not know why the man of her dreams dumped her.

The women try to determine the qualities of the Perfect Man, the ideal male species. They ask themselves if such a man really exists and, if he does, is he still available?

"My God," exclaims the mega travel agent who has seen most of the world and knows all the best bargain centers—including where to buy quality turquoise in Kabul, Afghanistan. "If there is a Mr. Perfect, then some girl out there must have tattooed her name on his upper arm. Good guys are such rare items."

The girls argue and swap notes then decide that the man who can make them give up their single blessedness should have the looks of Piolo Pascual, Christopher de Leon, Harrison Ford or Richard Gere combined. But they also agree that looks alone cannot guarantee the quality of life they deserve.

"*Sakit ng ulo pa yang sobrang guwapo,*" contributes the self-made entrepreneur who has turned her hobby of making Christmas decorations into a profitable export business. "It is better to get someone who is okay *lang* rather than *ubod nang guwapo.*"

Beauty and brains

Well, Mr. Perfect must—repeat: *must*—have brains but not too much as to confirm the theory that genius is only a hair's width away from insanity. Unless he looks like Russell Crowe.

So there is Mar Roxas ("*Aba,* he might even be president some day," says our Ally McBeal), Lito Camacho ("Married *na yon!*"), Lance Gokongwei ("Married *na rin yon!*").

The women also lament the fact that both Jaime Augusto and Fernando Zobel de Ayala are married.

What about Jaime Daez ("He is younger than us!"), Aljo Bendijo ("Wait! Doesn't he just read the news? Does he write what he says on TV?"), Troy Montero, Marc Nelson ("*Teka, baka naman* we will start naming the underwear models of Bench?")?

After tossing about names for 15 minutes, the women observe a solemn moment of silence followed by a collective sigh. It is much easier to dream of Brad Pitt (who loves architecture) or Colin Farrell (who is proud of his Irish vulgarity but loves his mother to death) than to list down men who can bring their lives to yet uncharted paths.

College theater group makes its mark

BLUE Repertory will be staging the Sondheim musical "Into the Woods," with words by James Lapine. "Into the Woods" is a musical that weaves together famous fairytale characters including Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Little Red Riding Hood. The different parts of the woods and the story goes beyond the happily-ever-after of the books we all read as children. The play is directed by Chari Arespacochaga, with musical direction by Manman Angsico.

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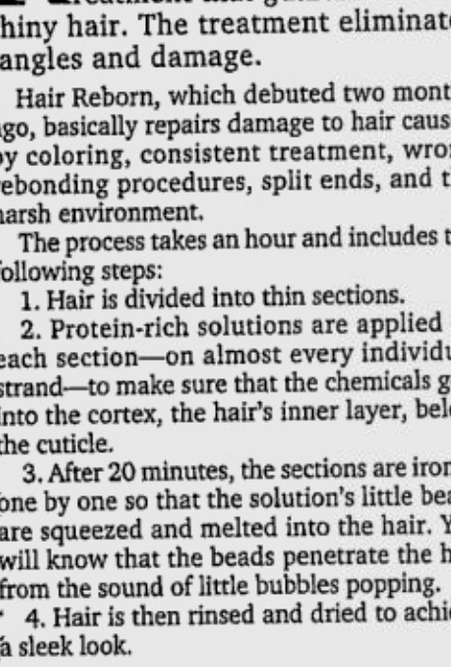

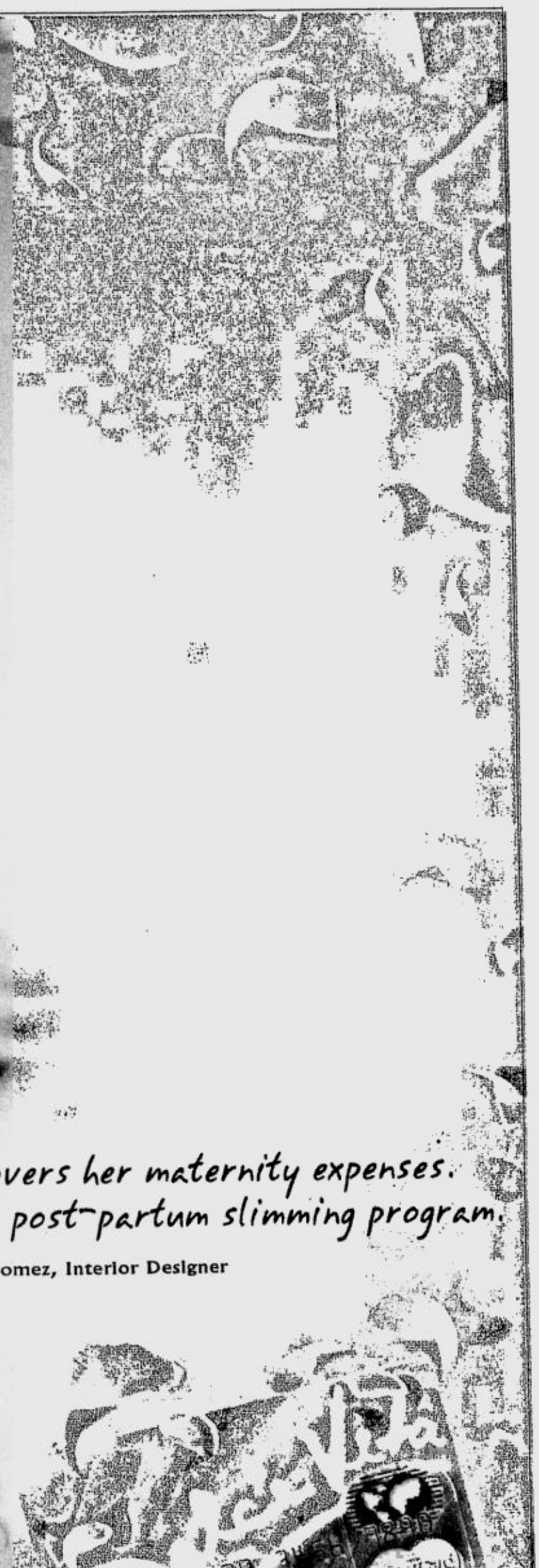

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Mari Gomez, Interior Designer

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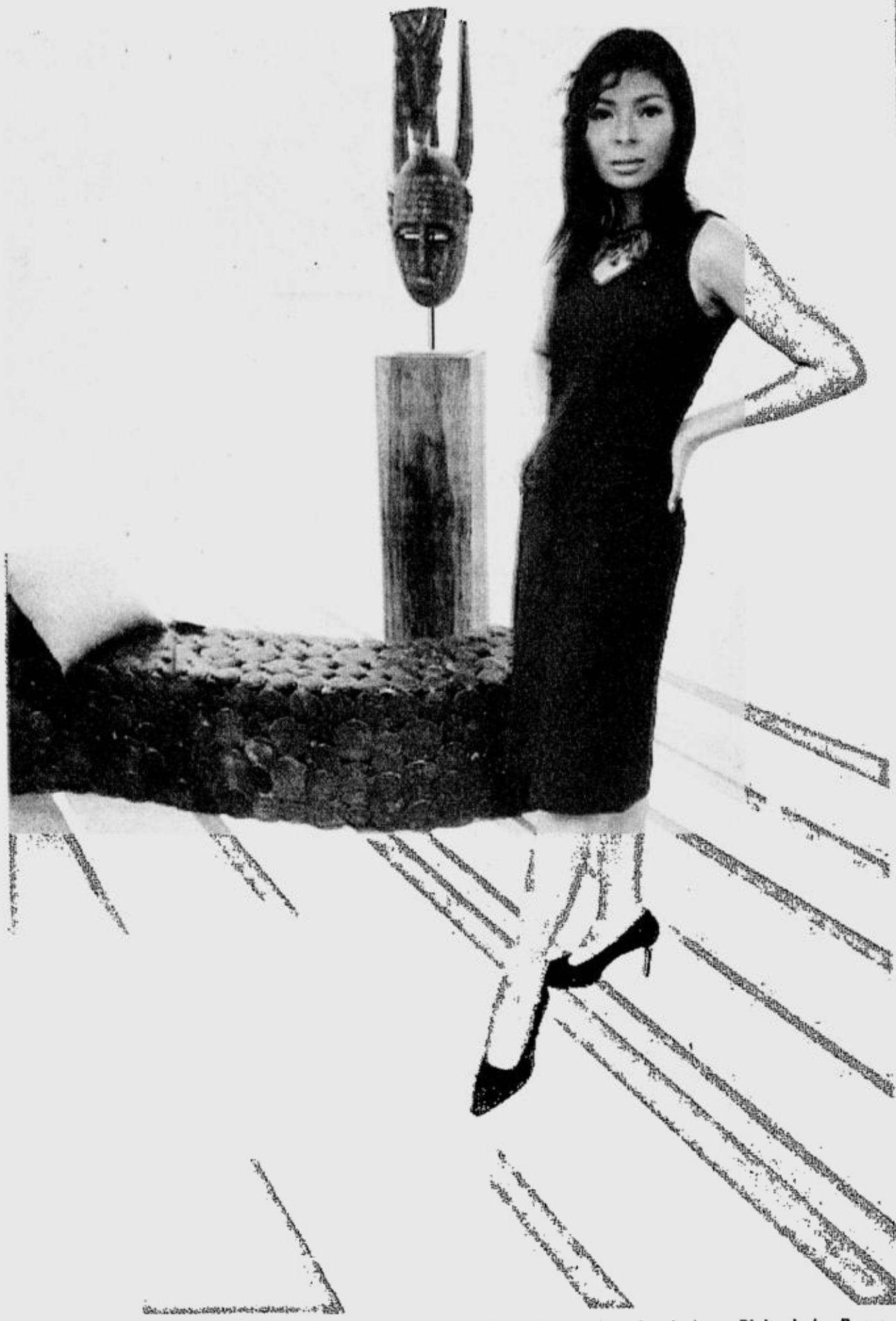

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION. What other way to describe a relaxed and hushed romance but through soft lighting that encourages cleanliness and simplicity. Because it's both sleek and modern, Margarita Colet-Montinola's booth and this ensemble (top, P999, pants, P899, Kate Spade shoes) compliment each other. Margarita's idea is for each person to always find time to pause, sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

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Black and white

KNOWN for its tailored and multifunctional pieces, The Black Shop took the opportunity to promote its fashion philosophy during the recent Philippine School of Interior Design (PSID) 35th anniversary exhibit titled "Tribute: An Affair in Black and White."

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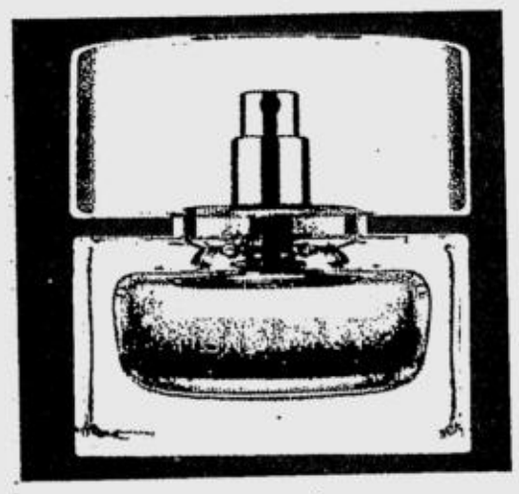


Essence of Gucci

FLORALS bloom at the heart of Gucci Eau de Parfum: heliotrope, orange blossom, orris, vanilla, cistus, cumin and thyme. A deep musk brings body and substance to the juice. The fragrance is contained in a bottle made of thick, transparent glass. A heavy cube is filled with cognac-colored fragrance. A glass circle becomes the cap. A chocolate-brown signature, frosted onto the glass, is the bottle's sole adornment.
Gucci Eau de Parfum is available in all leading department stores and is exclusively distributed by Rustan Marketing Corp.

Christmas Kenzo style

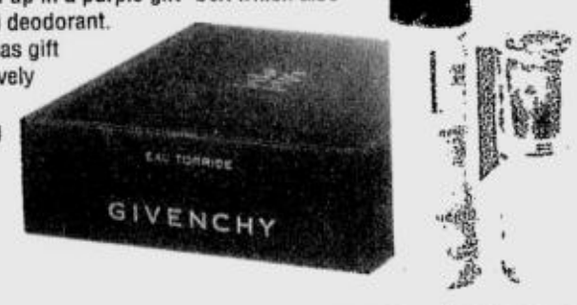
SURPRISE the special woman in your life with Kenzo's gift sets that are wrapped in frosted, snow-white packaging. It includes a bottle of spray fragrance paired with a body lotion or Glamlight fragrance, all of which carry the ultra feminine powdery, floral scent of Flower by Kenzo.
This limited gift set is exclusively distributed by Rustan Marketing Corp. and is available at all leading department stores nationwide.

For the stylish man

LACOSTE Pour Homme's top note is a mix of Italian bergamot, apple and citrus, while its heart note is suggestive of strength and sexuality with the fusion of juniper, cardamon and cinnamon. Both notes blend with the masculine base of sandalwood, vanilla and musk.
The perfume's bottle consists of chic lines and a metallic finish that captures the spirit of the new Lacoste attitude. The sporty green crocodile mark has been replaced with a silver-gray logo.
Lacoste Pour Homme is exclusively distributed by Rustan Marketing Corp. and comes in 50 ml and 100 ml eau de toilette sizes available in all leading department stores nationwide.

Givenchy for him and her

FOR the man or woman you love, Givenchy has it all wrapped up for you this holiday. Greet him with Givenchy Pour Homme, which is made from the essences of grapefruit, coriander, fruity woody davana, cedar and olibanum wood. Along with the 100 ml eau de toilette is a 100 ml aftershave lotion.
Ignite the fire in a woman with Eau Torride, a fragrance of frosty mandarin, bergamot, orange, lemon, Arabian jasmine and sandalwood. For the holidays, a 50 ml Eau Torride is dressed up in a purple gift box which also contains a 150 ml deodorant.
Givenchy Christmas gift boxes are exclusively distributed by Rustan Marketing Corp. and is available in all leading department stores nationwide.



AIG DOLCE VITA CARD: FUNCTION, FLEXIBILITY, FLAIR

The woman of today is a dynamic, multi-faceted individual possessing a remarkable ability to strike a balance between the various roles she plays in her life. Driven career person, devoted wife, loving mother, beloved daughter, and cherished friend are just some of the images that come to mind when we speak of her.

Breaking away from the stereotypes of the past, she has emerged as a wonderfully new person who has discovered the full range of her potentials. She has shown aplomb in the face of great stress and courage in times of crises. She is blessed with a rare intelligence and an innate understanding of human nature. Many times she has shown strength of character and her capacity to lead.

The woman of today is a woman empowered

However, with all the demands that society, her family, and she has set upon herself, a woman needs a reliable partner that can keep pace with her busy lifestyle and can make things simplified. She requires a tool that will allow her to function effectively as an individual with a multi-dimensional role while keeping her own needs in mind. The Dolce Vita Card is developed and created to help her cope with these demands and at the same time, realize a life of elegance and flair.

The Dolce Vita Card is the newest offering from the AIG Credit Card Company Phils., Inc. (ACCCPI), one of the country's top credit card providers. This exceptional new product is specially designed for women who value flexibility in responding to her various roles and see each moment as an opportunity to further develop themselves.

The Dolce Vita Card gives a woman a sense of self-empowerment as it provides her with the financial independence and means to fulfill her own and her family's needs. It is the key to an exciting range of shopping, dining, beauty and leisure perks to help her achieve a well-balanced lifestyle. It is her motivation for self-enhancement as it offers her access to personality development workshops and seminars.

Power in the palm of your hand

The Dolce Vita makes life easier for a woman by helping her manage the household budget. With the card's Quick Bills feature, the Dolce Vita automatically pays for her household bills, leaving her more time for work and family. The Value Grocer feature, meanwhile, provides her with big discounts aside from free rewards when buying from groceries.

The Dolce Vita Card also puts a premium on women's health. It offers expanded health benefits unequalled by other credit cards. Aside from providing unlimited women-specific medical consultations, the Dolce Vita covers part of the cardholder's maternity expenses including hospital and delivery charges, up to PhP5,000 a month. The card also offers free lab tests such as ultrasound, pap smear, urinalysis and blood sugar count. After giving birth, the cardholder's baby is entitled to two free visits to the pediatrician. Special fitness programs, meanwhile, allow her to exercise in top gyms at discounted packages. To refresh her skin, she can see a dermatologist free of charge on the first visit.

Like women, AIG also cares about the more important things in life. That is why the Dolce Vita has been developed to offer a unique list of choices specifically suited for a woman and her loved ones. For herself, she can avail of free spa treatments, personal care services and personality enhancement classes. For her man, she can buy gifts at special prices. For her kids, she can count on great deals in toys, hobbies, and children's apparel. For her entire family, she can avail of special installment mark downs in appliances, furniture, and privileges for hotels, resorts and restaurants.

Aside from offering competitive rates, flexible installment plans, and hassle-free transactions, the Dolce Vita Card is backed by MasterCard, a widely accepted credit card provider recognized worldwide. The Dolce Vita Card has the same kind of financial stability, which is the trademark of all AIG Credit Cards.

Living la Dolce Vita

A woman takes care of a lot of people while the Dolce Vita takes care of her.

More often than not, a woman's busy schedule makes her forget that she must look after her own needs and take time to enjoy the best things life has to offer. The Dolce Vita shows her how.

Regular use of the Dolce Vita Card automatically entitles cardholders to an enviable variety of perks and benefits ranging from exclusive discounts, free gifts and personal care services at boutiques, recreation centers, home and appliance centers, spas, beauty bars, restaurants and hotels.

Cardholders can avail of free personal care services such as free massage sessions, foot spa, pedicures, manicures and a plethora of other services from classy establishments such as the Orient Day Spa, Nail Spa, and HeadZone. Aside from these, discounts for Dolce Vita cardholders are available at Casa Armas, Aqua, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Manila Hotel, Regalong Pambahay, The Barnyard Lifestyle, Area Home Store, Shell Canvas, Big & Small, Replay Clothing Store, Claiborne Men, Liz Claiborne, Ink & Stone Bookshop, Lancel, Lila Almario, Elle, Hugo Boss, Enchanted Kingdom, Powerbowl and many more.

The Dolce Vita Card also introduces other lifestyle features such as Ladies Nights and seasonal sales for members only. It also provides personal improvement packages for women like developmental workshops and seminars at John Robert Powers and Fitness First Health Club.

As a special feature, the Dolce Vita supports and promotes the social responsibility of women by giving cardholders an option to donate part of their annual membership fee, starting on the second year, to charitable institutions. For its part, AIG contributes to this cause by organizing and participating in socio-civic event.

The well-rounded life

To complete the Dolce Vita's well-balanced features and services, the card itself carries an ultra-feminine and chic design that perfectly complements a woman's sense of style and character. The card is packaged in a vanity kit, symbolizing the special part it plays in the life of women.

Balanced lifestyle, self-empowerment, and self-enhancement. AIG makes women feel it is possible to have it all so they can do it all and be it all. Indeed, behind every great woman is a Dolce Vita Card.

For inquiries call the AIG Credit Cards Customer Care Hotline at 636-8600.

AIG DOLCE VITA CARD: CELEBRATING THE JOYS OF WOMANHOOD

Manila, October 15, 2002—The AIG Credit Card Company Philippines, Inc. celebrates the joys of womanhood by launching the Dolce Vita Card, a product specifically designed to address the multi-faceted needs of today's woman.

The Dolce Vita Card, which features an ultra-feminine and chic design, empowers women to respond to their various obligations to themselves and to their families while giving them the freedom to enjoy the good things in life.

"The woman of today is a dynamic individual with various roles in life. Driven Career person, devoted homemaker, beloved daughter and cherished friend, are just some of the images that come to mind when we speak of her. Given their complex roles, we help simplify her life," Myla Gonzalez, VP for Marketing said.

"AIG created the Dolce Vita to make women feel free to live their lives according to their terms," Annie Umali, AIG Card Center General Manager added.

The Dolce Vita Card introduces unique features exclusively for women on top of reliable and worry-free service, wide acceptance, flexibility and financial stability, which are trademarks of all AIG Credit Cards. Among the new innovations being introduced in the Dolce Vita are expanded health and personal care benefits, automatic rewards, lifestyle and self-enhancement perks, and social awareness programs.

"The Dolce Vita Card gives a woman the power to have it all, to do it all and be it all. Indeed, behind every great woman is a Dolce Vita Card," Myla Gonzalez said.

Unlike other credit cards that provide limited health and medical care, the Dolce Vita offers women services that contribute to her total well-being as well as her children, if she has any. Dolce Vita cardholders are entitled to free maternity reimbursement, pediatric consultations, unlimited women-specific consultations, dermatological consultations, unlimited administration of vaccines for children, ultrasound, laboratory examinations, dental benefits, and others. Understanding that women take care of a lot of people, the Dolce Vita in turn takes care of her. With the Dolce Vita Charms feature, regular use of the credit card automatically entitles cardholders to an enviable variety of perks and benefits ranging from exclusive discounts, free gifts and personal care services at boutiques, recreation centers, home and appliance centers, spas, beauty bars, restaurants and hotels.

Dolce Vita Cardholders can avail of free personal care services such as free massage and foot spa sessions from the Orient Day Spa. They can also get exclusive discounts while enjoying scrumptious pleasures at Casa Armas, experiencing the hospitality of Edsa Shangri-La Hotel;

shopping for home décor at the Regalong Pambahay; or splurging at their favorite fashion haunts such as Replay Clothing Store, Liz Claiborne, Elle, Hugo Boss, and much, much more.

Meanwhile, to further develop women's potentials, the Dolce Vita gives cardholders access to female-oriented workshops (e.g. cooking, home décor, make-up techniques, etc.) and career seminars on selling and computer skills, business, financial management and investments. The Dolce Vita Card also offers special lifestyle privileges for female members such as Ladies Nights and seasonal sales.

As a special feature, AIG will also tie-up with cause-oriented groups to promote the social responsibility of women. AIG Credit Cards, which is known for its innovative products and customer-oriented service has a wide range of exclusive features covering both financial flexibility and family protection. It is the consumer finance arm of the American International Group (AIG) and the Philam Group of Companies, which are two of the top insurance and financial institutions in the U.S. and the Philippines, respectively. For inquiries, call the AIG Credit Cards Customer Care Hotline at 636-8600.

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She's always in control, obsessive in managing the household budget. And she's just as meticulous in keeping her business expenses in check.

Now Dolce Vita, the newest offering from AIG Credit Cards, is making her life much easier. It's there to help her take care of her work, her family and herself. For instance, Deanne doesn't have to pay cash. She buys furniture and fixtures for her restaurants with her card. The Dolce Vita Quick Bills facility automatically pays all her household bills, leaving her more time for her work and her family. The Value Grocer program even gives her free rewards when she charges P5,000 worth of groceries.

Certainly, Deanne considers owning a Dolce Vita as one of the most sound business decisions she has ever made.

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Hairdressing competition winner to train in UK

THE BRITISH Council and Hair Asia present Salon Spectacular 2002, Asia's premier exhibition for hair professionals, at the World Trade Center, Roxas Boulevard on Nov. 19.

The event brings together Asian talents from the hair and makeup industry in a marathon hairdressing exhibition featuring cutting edge techniques and the latest breakthroughs in beauty products. Benjamin Ban Hock, who collaborates with the Toni & Guy Academy in Singapore, will give a demonstration of the latest developments in haircutting and coloring. Fanny Serrano, in turn, will have big stars modeling looks from the '60s to the '90s.

During the exhibition, local hairdressers and makeup stylists will compete in various categories: Ladies Cut and Color, sponsored by Wella; Gents' Haircut and Styling, sponsored by Splash Styling Aids; and the Ladies Evening Party Makeup.

Winners will each receive P15,000 cash, plus gift packs and a trophy. The Over-All Champion will be sent by the British Council on a week-long training course at a renowned hairdressing academy in the United Kingdom.

The show is in line with the British Council's goal of promoting education while enhancing collaboration between Filipinos and their British counterparts.

The British are renowned for hairdressing, with the 72-year-old Vidal Sassoon being their best known hair stylist. Born to a struggling East End family, Sassoon took his dream from Bond Street to Hollywood, thrust into the limelight by the legendary cropped look he created for actress Mia Farrow. Other famous UK hairdressers are the Scottish-born Trevor Sorbie, who created timeless cuts such as the "Wedge," the "Chop" and the "Scrunch," plus the Mascholo brothers—Toni and Guy.

The British, who find Filipinos artists of the highest caliber, hope that through Salon Spectacular they will get an opportunity to undergo further training and acquire world-class qualifications.

VIDAL Sassoon

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Home LIFESTYLE

There's a butterfly in my soup (bowl)!

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Betoy Johnson

IF THERE'S a frog in your water goblet or a golden butterfly perched on your soup bowl, you don't need a Sherlock Holmes to untangle the mystery. While the French would say, "*Cherchez la femme*", we say, "*Cherchez le* Rachy."

In Rachy Cuna's creative mind and artistic hands, everything is possible—and useful. Simple, colored *kalabasa* seeds provide a dramatic contrast to the bright turquoise hues of Japanese-inspired china. A collection of metallic frogs or a set of gold-painted artificial butterflies used as table accent, highlight or even centerpiece can make a dinner table gaily hopping or delicately "floating."

Although his creations always come out tasteful, classy and looking expensive, Cuna, who is called a floral architect and events stylist, says you don't need to spend the country's national budget to set a festive table. In fact, what you need you can probably get in your kitchen, *bodega*, the attic or wherever it is you store stuff you think you don't need, including under the bed.

Nor do you have to make sure everything matches. Cuna, who just showcased some pretty festive table settings at Borders, the trendy home décor and accessories place on Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati, using very elegant dinner ware and table linens—not to mention unusual centerpieces, says the lack of expensive dishes is no excuse not to have an attractive spread for the holidays.

Although Cuna, of course, had some very nifty things to work with for his elegant tables at Borders, he assures those who may think they can only produce an attractive spread by sparing no expense that such is not the case. Imagination and creativity can turn even unmatched plates and military-issue silver into a table setting guests will appreciate as much as the meal served them. Never mind if you are only setting the table for family. It's the season to be jolly and the table should match—even set—the joyous mood of the holiday season. "The table setting

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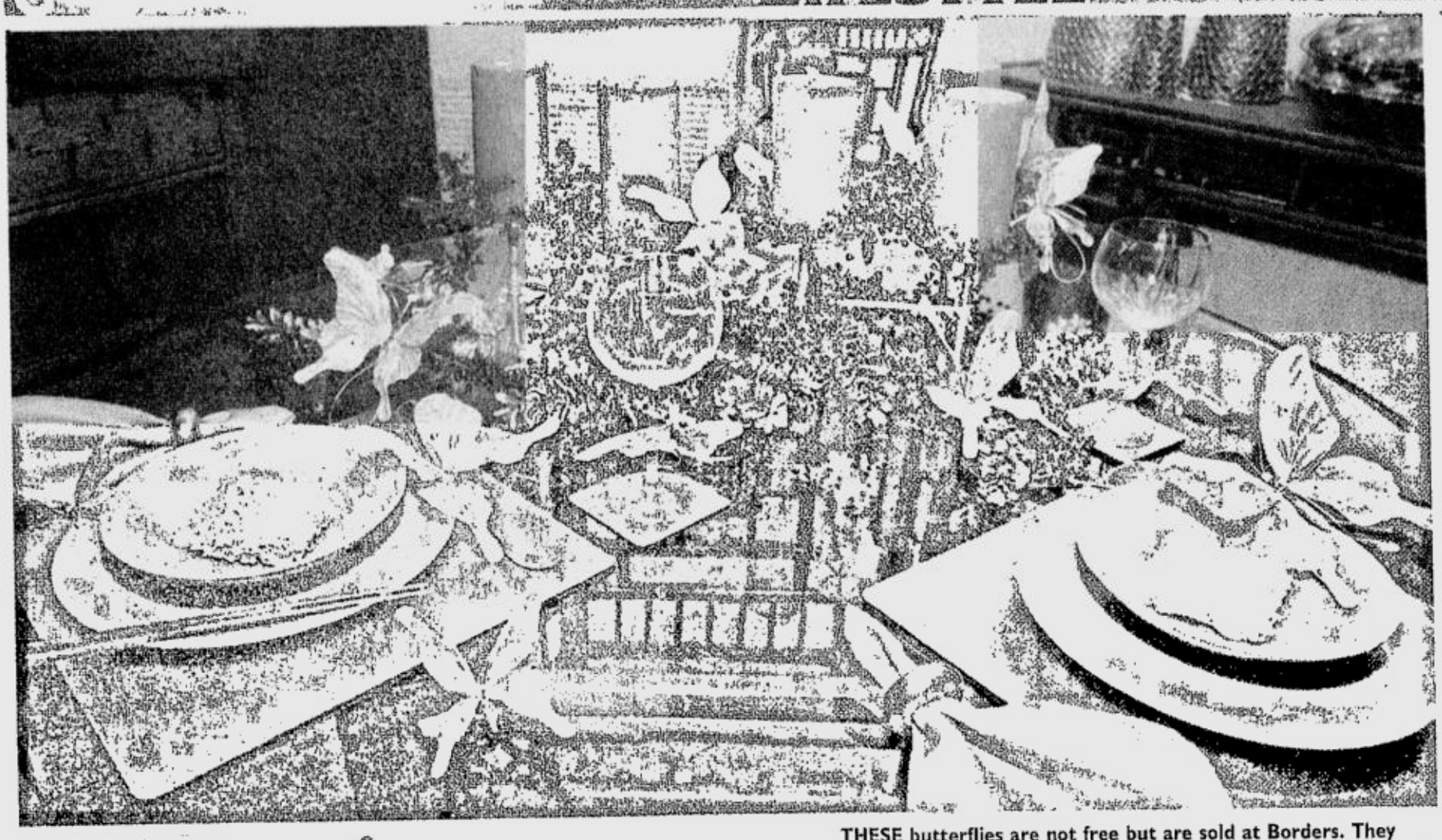
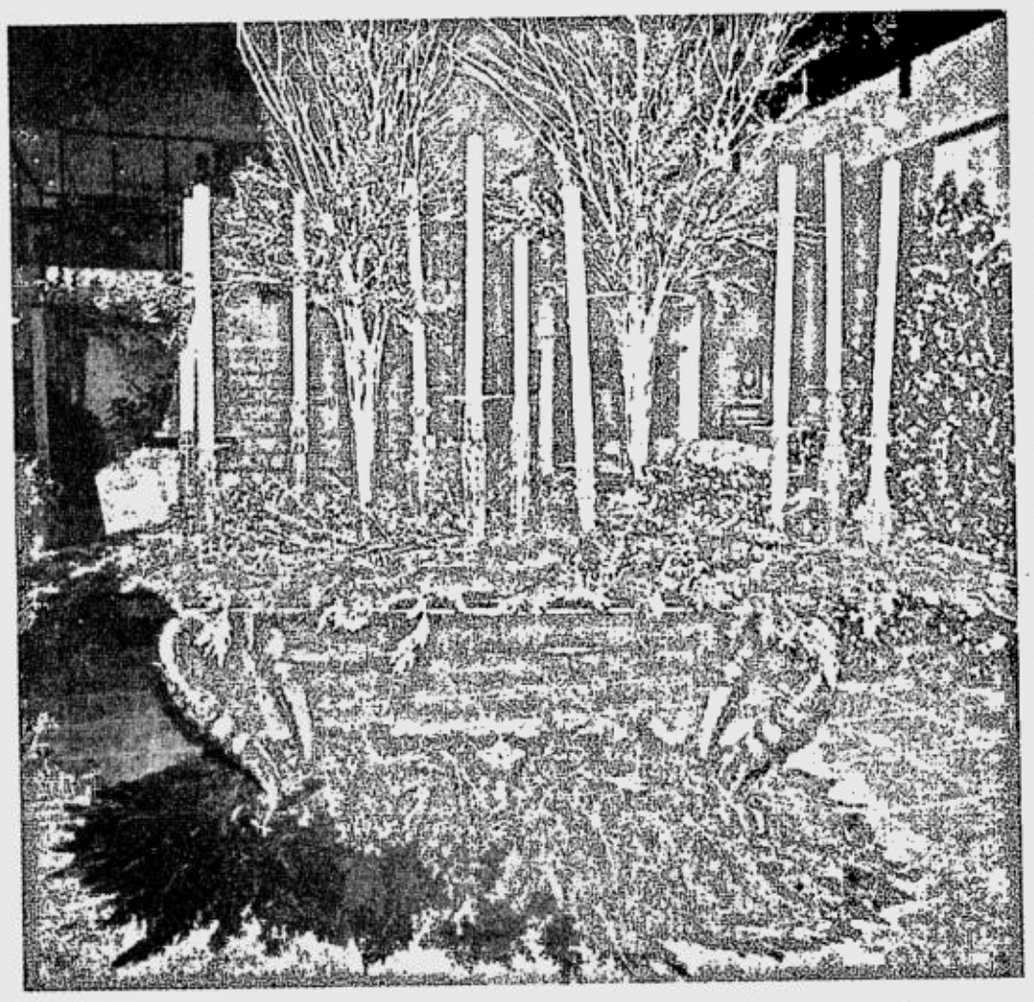


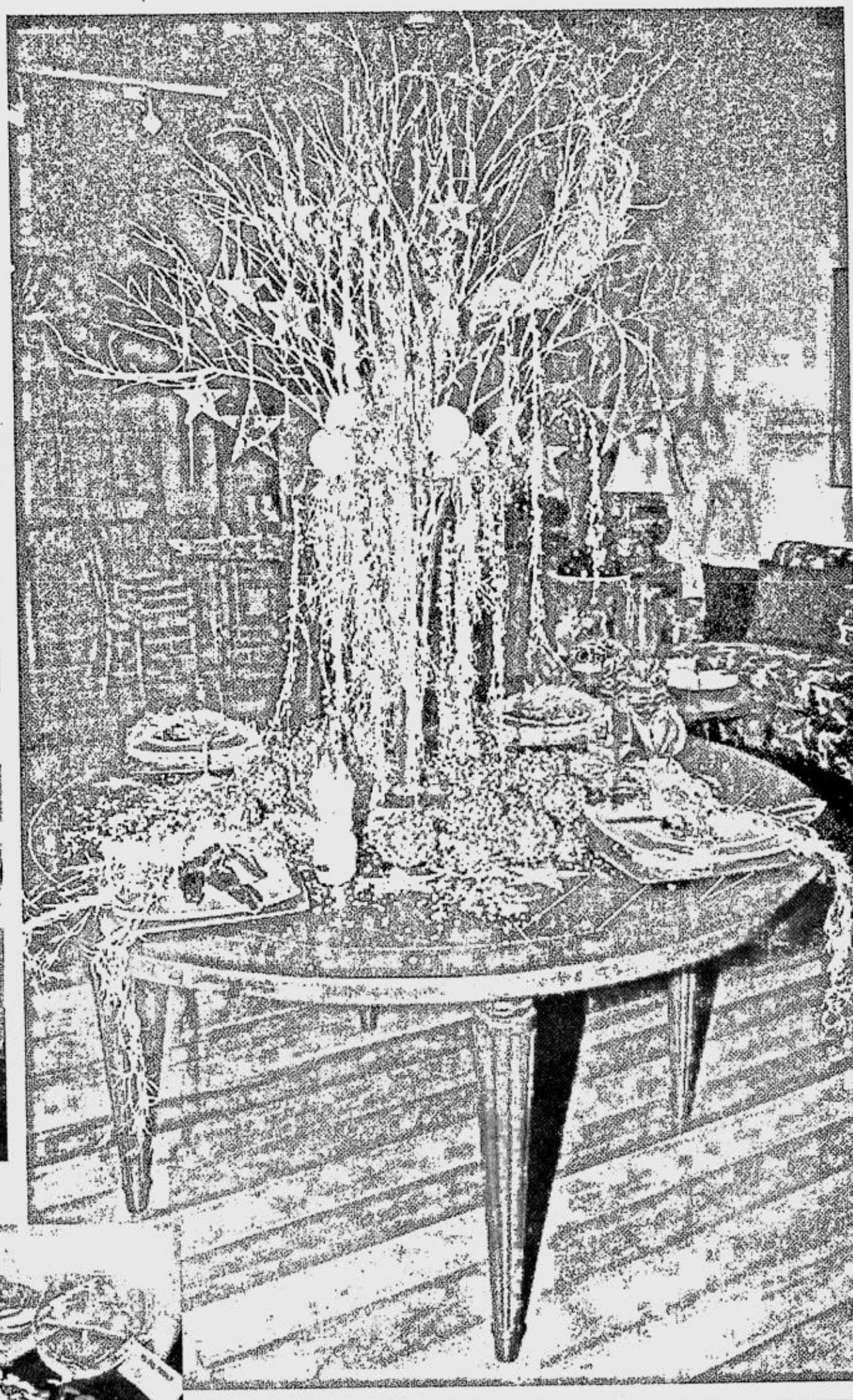
THESE butterflies are not free but are sold at Borders. They give a touch of whimsy to this table setting. The red candles and berries set the gold artificial insects to the best advantage.

Imagination and creativity can turn even unmatched plates and military-issue silver into a table setting guests will appreciate

THE COLORS and symbols of Christmas make a table set for a simple *merienda* get-together festive.

There's a butterfly in my soup (bowl)!





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hwierings décor

R[illegible] l loosen up a rather formal setting for four. Cuna makes an unusua[illegible] mbination of pink *kalabasa* seeds with turquoise china.

RACHY Cuna's personal favorite, the very Filipino *parol* setting with *capiz* stars, balls gold painted twigs, vines and berries

A CLOSER look at the table setting dubbed My Frog Prince for obvious reasons

A RACHY Cuna original, an angel bearing the traditional Filipino greeting, "Mabuhay"

STYLIST nonpareil Rachy Cuna with Borders' Alice Streegan-Cruz

There's a butterfly in my soup (bowl)!

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contributes to the festive mood of Christmas (and the New Year, of course)," Cuna points out.

Design inventory

The things you need to prettify your holiday spread could be right in your home. Cuna suggests taking an inventory of your garden, your kitchen, your closets. "Your collections, like little angels and porcelain, can be used to adorn the table. Old teapots or even a spitoon from your *bodega* can become conversation pieces as flower vases," he adds. Choose things around you—flowers and stones from your garden, or vegetables from your kitchen. Spray dried twigs and branches with gold paint. Use the holidays to give heirloom pieces, if you have any, an airing.

Berries, tinsels, glass beads, strands of *sinamay* and *abaca* all find some use in Cuna's artistic hands. The stylist says the first thing to do when setting a table is to decide on the "theme" or the look you would like to create. Each occasion should have a different mood. A family gathering should be different from a get-together of friends.

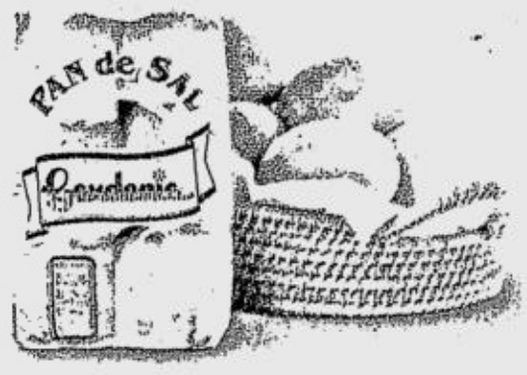
Use candles. Like the flower vases, breathe new life into things lying around the house—bottles, ceramic jars—by turning them into candleholders. And, according to Cuna, simplicity is not just safe but "always beautiful."

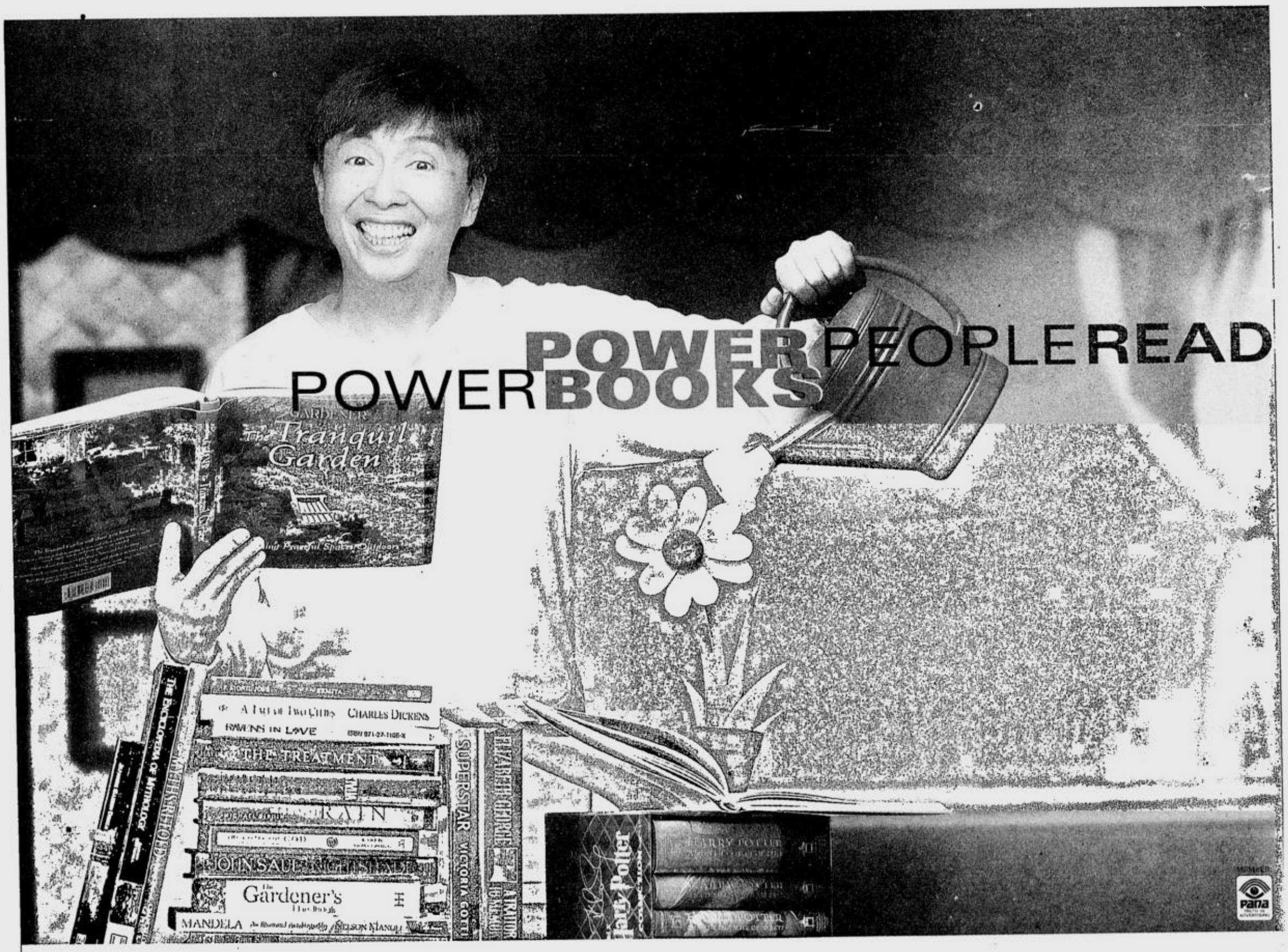
Gardenia... PAN DE SAL

PAN DE LUSO

Bata'y mabubusog kapag may pandelusog dahil ito'y siksik sa pampalusog. VITAMIN B_1 katawan ay masigla, VITAMIN B_2 tataas pa siya, VITAMIN B_3 palaging may gana at IRON panlaban sa anemia.

Gardenia... So good you can even eat it on its own!





"Kuya" Bodjie Pascua
47, actor, tetcher & founding president of Alitaptap Storytellers' Club

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BRITTANY Hub Corp. general manager Jing Serrano discussing details with Pinky Cruz, Sonia Velarde and Starmall general manager Edita Dolon

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Portofino Alabang is a self-contained city within reach of other cities. It is just 10 minutes away from Alabang Town Center, and a few minutes away from prime business areas, high-end malls and other plush subdivisions.

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A magical Christmas at the malls

ROBINSONS Malls' spectacular Christmas display will be unveiled today at the fountain area of Robinsons Galleria.

Shoppers and spectators alike can expect to see the Robinsons Mall atriums festooned with golden filigree balls and frames, wrapped with holly leaves and metallic red, green and golden Christmas balls that form the trademark Mickey head and ears. "The decor has been designed to be more 'interactive,'" Ernice Gonzalez, Robinson Ad & Promo director, said. With the theme "Magic of Disney," the Christmas decor includes "Hidden Mickeys," which will be the main feature of brightly lit and festively decorated 15-foot and 20-foot Christmas trees that will be placed at mall entrances.

Giant two-dimensional Mickey emblems that have the photographic images of characters from well-loved and highly popular Disney Channel shows like Book of Pooh, Playhouse Disney, Bananas in Pyjamas, Stanley, Zac the Cat, House of Mouse, Toy Story, Bug's Life, 102 Dalmatians, Teamo Supremo, Buzz Lightyear, Kids Zone and Kim Possible, the Disney Chanel's newest teen heroine. Other holiday touches will include non-traditional Christmas lanterns, wreaths and balls that carry the colors of gold, green and red interspersed with Mickey decor.

BOB Plank, Paul Roehling, Willy Co and Elizabeth Gokongwei

BENJAMIN Co, Elizabeth Gokongwei, Paul Roehling, Maui Taylor, Clarence Cu and Nelson Lee

Home improvement center opens 2nd outlet

HANDYMAN'S Do-It-Best newest home improvement center was inaugurated recently on the third level of Robinsons Metro East along Marcos Highway. This is the second branch of the collaboration between Robinsons Retail Group's Handyman and Do-It-Best (DIB) Corp. of the United States.

To formally open the over 2,000-sq-m branch, Robinsons officials led by Elizabeth Gokongwei and Robinsons' Handyman Inc. vice president Benjamin Co, DIB executives Paul Roehling and Robert Play, concessionaires Clarence Cu of Red Earth, Wilbert Tiu of Prominence Marketing, Nelson Lee of Tomsons Enterprises and guest actress Maui Taylor were given keys to unlatch the padlocked chains at the store's entrance. Sportscasters Paulo Trillo and Janelle So hosted the event, which was also attended by Handyman's Robina Gokongwei-Pe, Jody Gadia, Willy Co, officers from Handyman's affiliate stores and concessionaire-partners Joyce Tan of LJA, Jessielyn Ong of Jeslie Lights, Fernando Amistaso of FYA Corp., Emiliano Sy Jr. of Globe Int'l.

Opening end of 2002 is Handyman's Do-It-Best third store in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Conference on early childhood care

THE CENTER for Early Childhood Care and Development (CECCD) will hold the Second Early Childhood Care conference at Waterfront Insular Hotel, Lanang, Davao City on May 7-10, 2003.

The three-day seminar-workshop is designed to equip workers pediatricians, medical practitioners, counselors, teachers, parents, caregivers and other professionals on early childhood care and development. Topics to be discussed include "Brainworks," "Brainxercises," "Quotient of Total Development," and "Getting a Grip on Grief."

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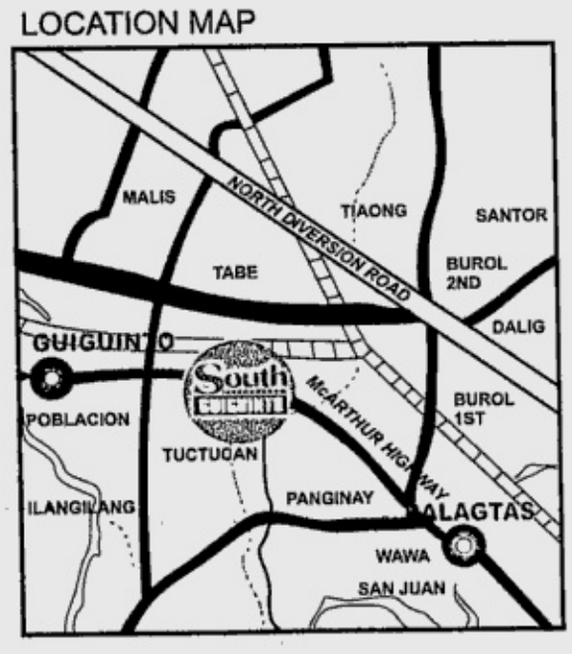

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Weaving magic

Arte Cana's Julianne Collection combines European sophistication and Philippine weaving sorcery

ELLA ARM CHAIR. A contemporary style arm chair with hand-woven carabao rawhide in a two-toned geometric pattern

ARTE Cana has stamped its style on weave furniture. For the 23rd Philippine Furniture Festival, which runs until Sunday at the SM Megamall, Arte Cana is introducing a new line of its Julianne Collection, which is a fusion of European sophistication and Filipino artistry.

Designer Jof Barbaran exhibits furniture that incorporate in traditional furniture weaving motifs he has learned from his travels to the Philippine countryside. Whether trekking to the Cordilleras, strolling the streets of Lucban, or whiling away in Iloilo, he has never failed to appreciate the intricate designs of hand-woven native baskets.

"Indeed, the Filipinos' skill in basketry is unparalleled in the world," Jof says.

Instead of using plain upholstery, Barbaran has woven patterns using a variety of native materials such as abaca, rawhide leather, seagrass, rattan vines, bamboo and others.

The West has taken notice, expecially when he collaborated with Francois Frossard, a French furniture designer, for a design show High Point's Interhall. He used the Frenchman's designs, but instead of mere upholstery, he weaved magic into the designs.

"Frossard's jaw dropped when he saw what I did with his designs," Barbaran recounted with pride.

A graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering, Barbaran was working with the US conglomerate ITT when he thought of vacationing in the Philippines. He immediately fell in love with Philippine weaves and Frances, whom he immediately married.

Barbaran decided to stay home. Thus was born Arte Cana, which initially distributed furniture and other home accessories to Aeta, a furniture shop in Chicago, which was established by Jof's father.

Three years later, luck smiled on the fledgling furniture store when it clinched a deal to supply glider rockers to a large furniture store in the US.

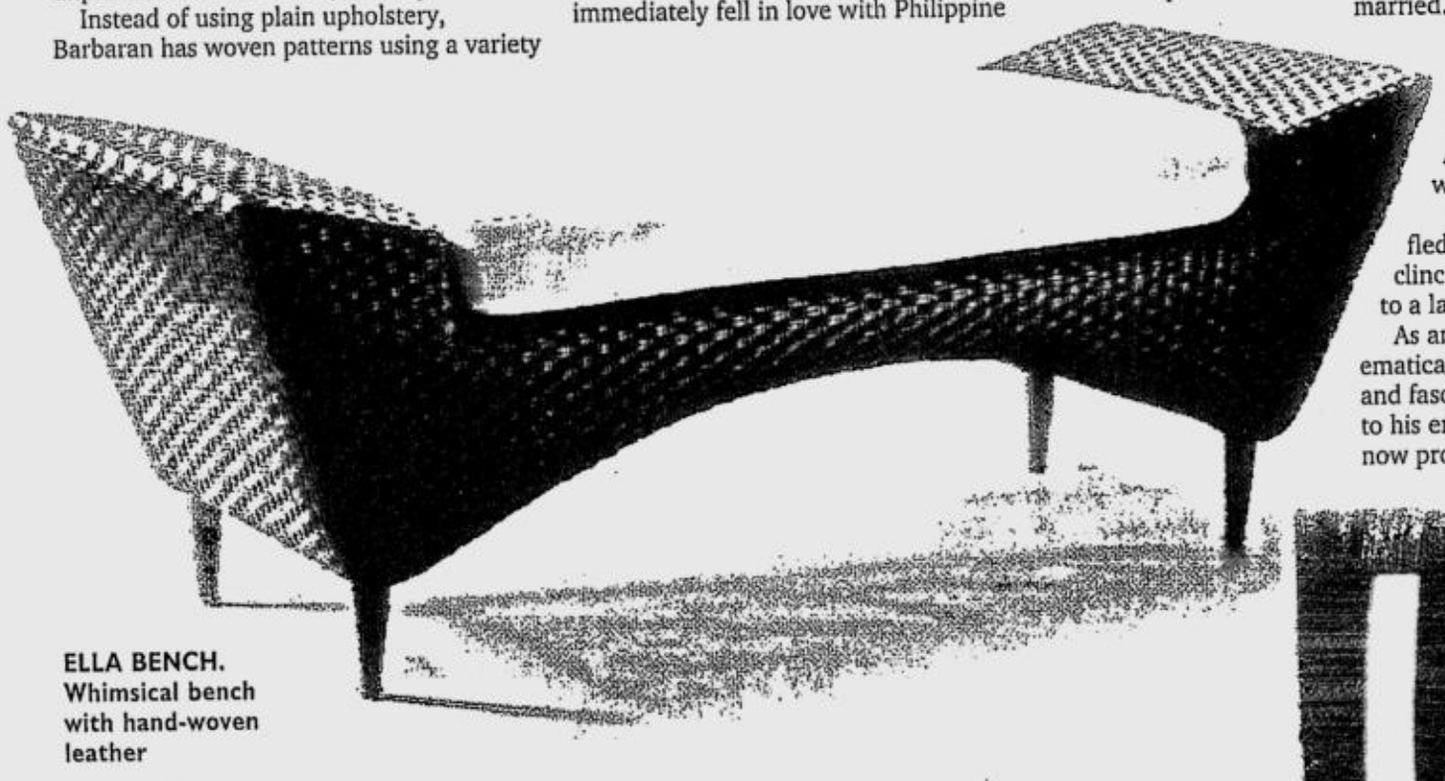
As an engineer, Barbaran uses mathematical principles to come up with intricate and fascinating design patterns. Thanks also to his engineering background, Arte Cana now produces furniture with built-in steel substructure.

"This makes them strong yet light," Jof said. Now, clients are assured that the piece they buy are not only exquisitely designed but are also sturdily built.

True enough the Julianne Collection, though costly, has been welcomed by the public. In fact, it was among the top ten sellers during the 22nd Philippine Furniture Festival last summer.

Arte Cana has an after-sale service. Arte Cana products come with a one-year warranty.

"But we still service clients who bought from us four or five years ago, charging only the pick-up and delivery fee," Barbaran said. "We value customer satisfaction."



ELLA BENCH. Whimsical bench with hand-woven leather

MORANDA, Milena and Amanda dining chairs

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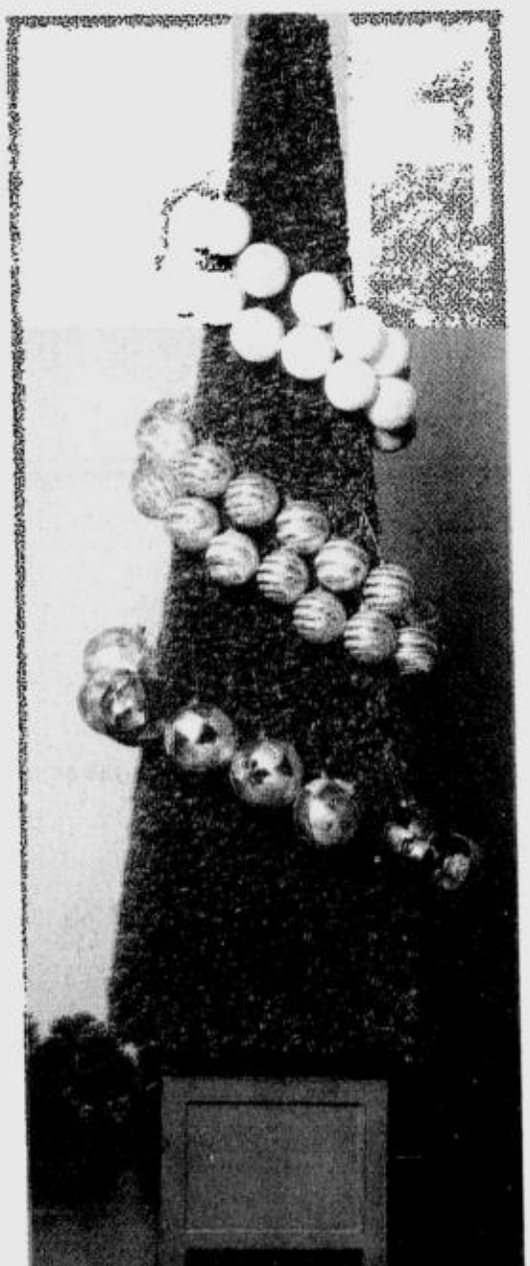
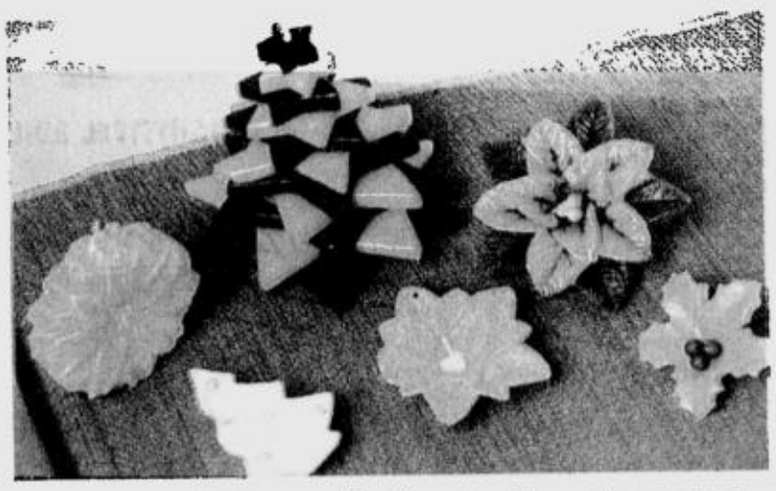


UNIQUE shaped tree adorned with glittering Christmas balls

THIS GOLD and copper themed living room exudes the warmth of Christmas.



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Showcase of trendy and classic jewelry

JEWELRY lovers and collectors are invited to the Vicenza Trilogy Showcase at the fountain area of the Power Plant Mall, Nov. 15-21. The five participating companies are Ilios Jewellers, Jewelmer International, Mercelles, New Life Jewelry and 7 Castles.

To be featured are gemstone rings carved from the stone itself, South Sea pearls set in white and yellow gold, chunky jewelry pieces, small stones set in shell, enamel, rubber, leather and other nontraditional materials.

The Fiera di Vicenza, acknowledged as the birthplace of trends and styles in gold and silver jewelry, is an annual trilogy of events held in Italy—the Vicenza di Oro, Jan. 1 and 2 and June 1 and 2, and the Orogemma in September.

With the help of the Department of Trade and Industry and Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (Citem), five Philippine jewelers began exhibiting at prestigious fairs last year to promote the Philippines as a prime source of innovatively designed jewelry.

However, exhibitors that joined the Fiera di Vicenza fairs faced difficulties that ranged from safety concerns about the Philippines to language barriers and differences in the modes of transacting business.

Amelita Co of New Life has observed that foreign clients buy single pieces, and that they're more adventurous to try out avant-garde designs and are more open to the idea of playing with colors, mixing and matching trendy jewelry with classic ones.

From each exhibit, the Vicenza Trilogy Group acquired information about international trade practices, refining their designs to meet market needs and identifying fashion trends for future exhibits.

SM STARMODELS FINALISTS. (From left) Kay Ann Bobis, Virginia Bungay, Marisol Pasion, Cecilia Sumalde, Genevieve Marcelo and Marry Ann Mendoza

Starmodels search chooses 12 finalists

TWELVE young, good-looking and talented guys and girls were recently named finalists in the SM Supermalls' SM Starmodels 2002 search.

The 12 finalists were chosen over 450 contestants who joined SM's annual search.

Presented to the public in a fashion show at the SM Megamall Megastrip were Kay Ann Bobis, Ma. Cecilia Sumalde, Mary Virginia Bungay, Marisol Pasion, Genevieve Marcelo, Marry Ann Mendoza, Randolf Stamatelaky, Luke Jickain, Christopher de la Cruz, Jason Hide, Rafael Louis Gonzales and Nino Romero.

Robbie Carmona, who directed the fashion presentation, said this year's Starmodels "is a very good set with lots of attitude and spot. I see them getting into a lot of modeling jobs—in print, TV commercials, fashion campaigns and runways."

JASON Hide, Nino Romero, Rafael Louis Gonzalez, Randolf Stamatelaky, Luke Jickain and Christopher dela Cruz

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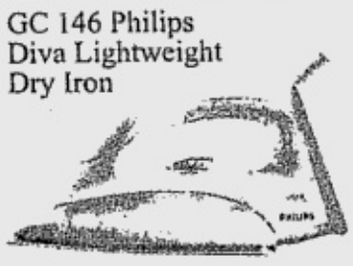

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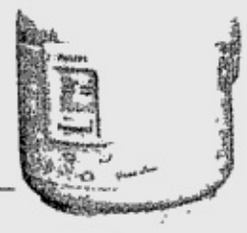

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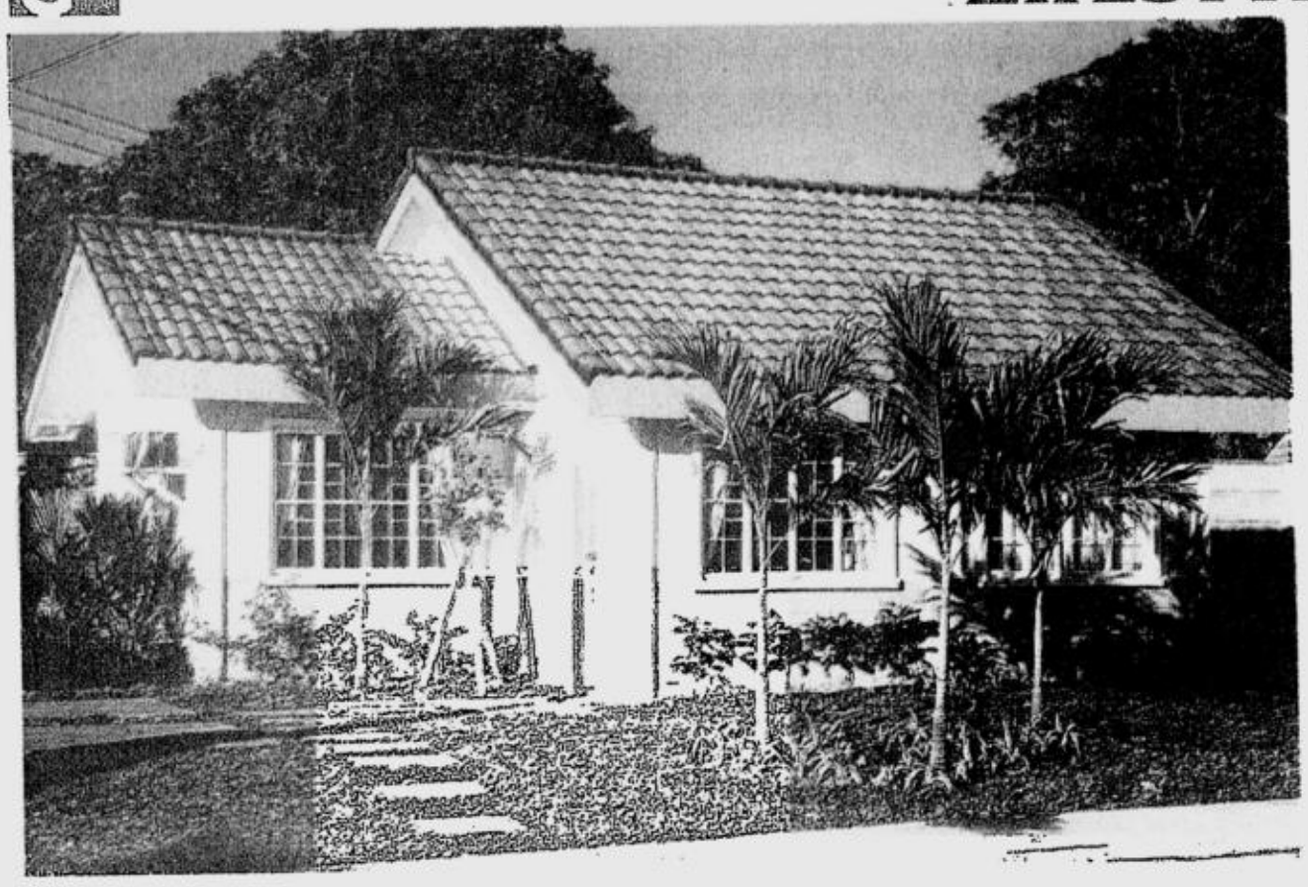

New developments provide security, privacy, and living comfort

GATED communities have fast become the norm rather than the exception because of safety, privacy and exclusivity.

However, not all gated villages are created equal—a lavish facade doesn't a great village make. The developer must have know-how, experience and a commitment to after-sales service. Laguna Properties Holdings, Inc. (LPHI) seeks to provide all of these.

Two of Laguna's projects, St. Alexandra Estates and St. Gabriel Heights, lie in the heart of cool and refreshing Antipolo, which means they are conveniently accessible to school and work. The property is available via very easy in-house, bank and Pag-ibig financing schemes.

The Mediterranean-inspired, master-planned communities come equipped with full amenities.

St. Gabriel Heights is a walled subdivision with landscaped entrance gate and guardhouse. Its homeowners can expect added facilities and elements such as a multi-purpose hall; central park/picnic area; basketball court; playground; overhead water tank with deep well; electricity, telephone and cable TV facilities. LPHI also has planted trees along the 10- to 12-meter-wide roads.

The slightly more upscale and bigger units at St. Alexandra Estates have these, and a clubhouse. There's also a swimming pool and gazebo for residents and their guests.

The two properties are located along the Teresa Provincial Road in Barangay Dalig, some two kilometers from Antipolo City proper.

The units of St. Alexandra Estates are built using the French steel structural Phenix building system, which combines durability and space optimization. It is also easy to expand the livable area without having to destroy or tear down walls. Three basic types—Dominica (90-100 sq m), Antigua (110-135 sq m) and Grenada (135-165 sq m) —are available, and buyers have the option of basic or premier interior finishing.

St. Gabriel Heights homes are designed based on the British building technology, TEX building system, which ensures that each structure is spacious and strong enough to last a lifetime. Buyers can choose from TEX 40, TEX 49 and TEX 81 (the numbers correspond to floor area). Houses have finished exteriors of different color schemes as well as basic interiors.

The down payment is 10 percent to 50 percent of the selling price payable over 12 months at zero interest rate (St. Gabriel Heights unit prices range from P1.5 million to P2 million, St. Alexandra Estates homes are priced from P3.4 million to P5 million). Discounts on the down payment and on the selling price are also offered, and the balance can be settled within 10 years.

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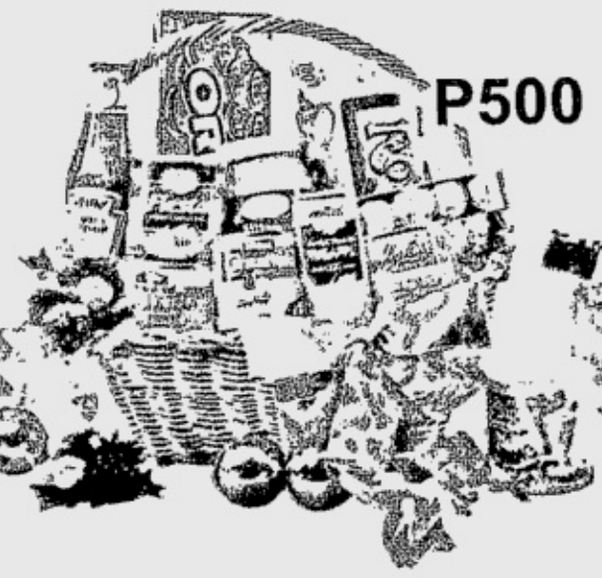

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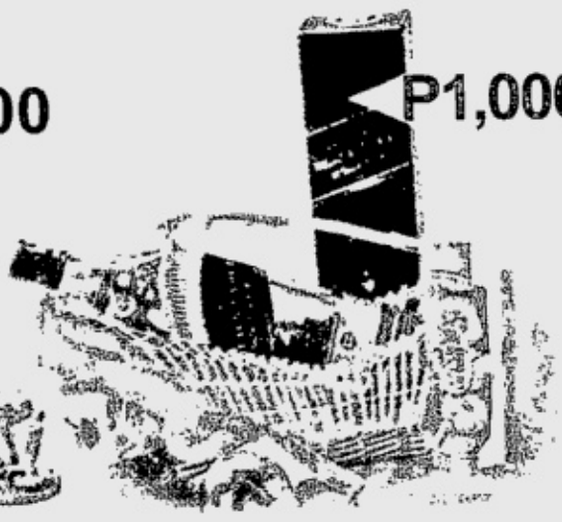

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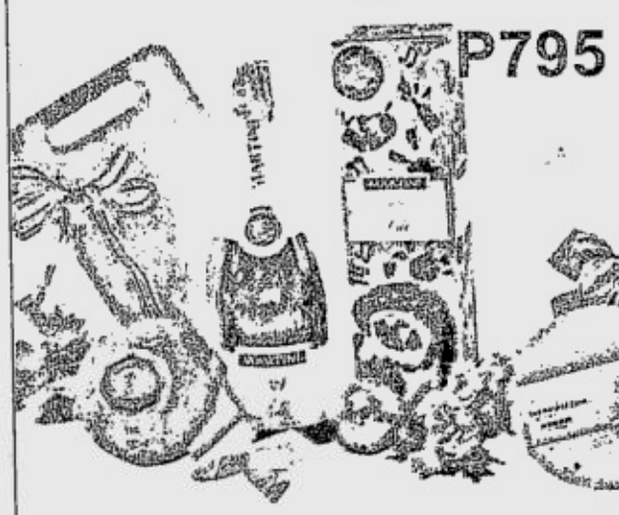

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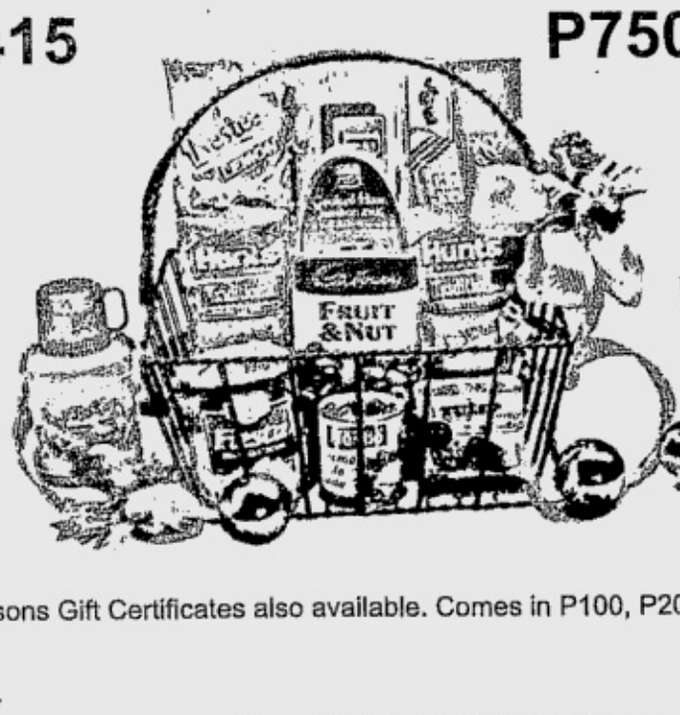

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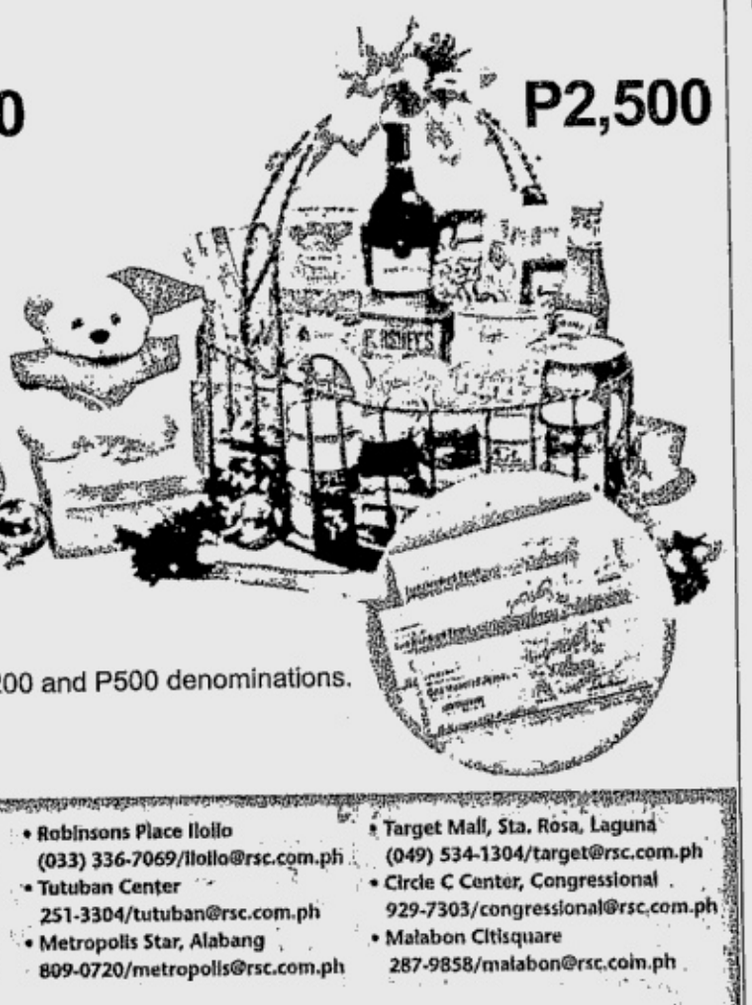

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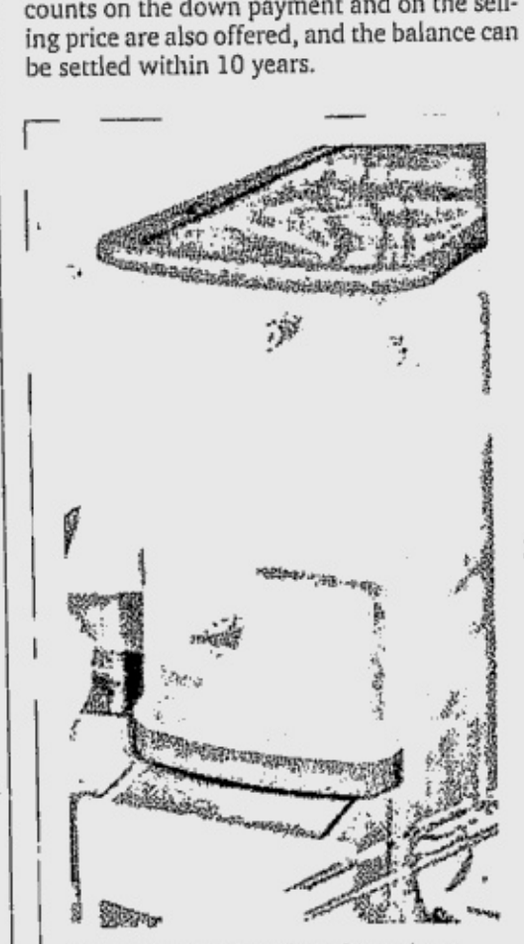

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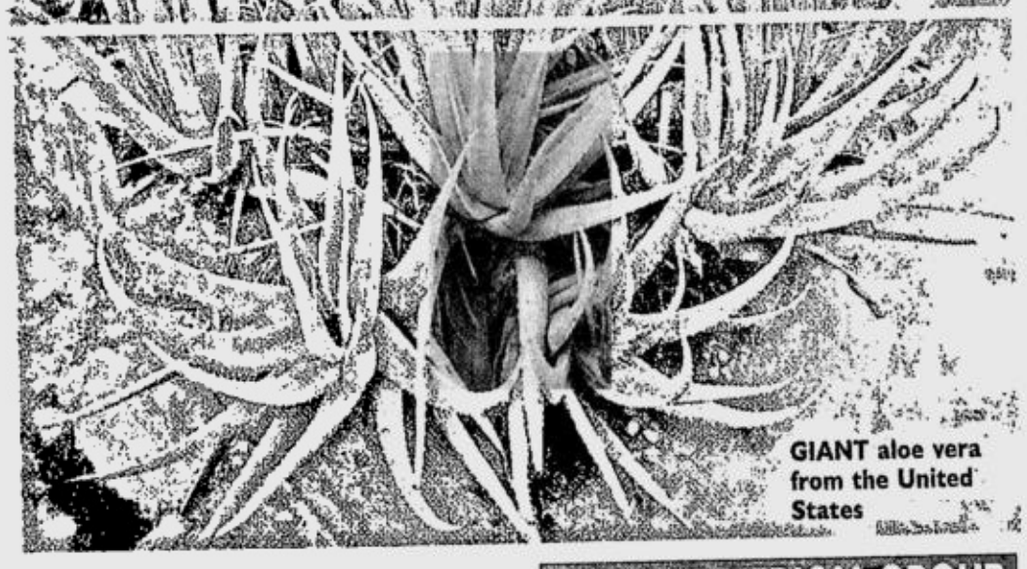

GIANT aloe vera from the United States

Garden blooms in 'tuna capital'

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Mandy Navasero

GENERAL Santos may pride itself in being the "tuna capital" of the Philippines, but the city may be missing out on a potential tourist attraction —the wondrous garden of Carlos "Mang Caloy" Yusepeng.

In fact, by word of mouth, visitors to the city have started to make a beeline to the Yusepeng residence to discover the exotic, the rare, the strange species that have taken root in the smallish (relative to the number of plants it contains) garden. An added bonus is a collection of fauna like deer, pythons, monkeys, cockatoos, parrot and a large bird whose plumage makes it look like a cross between a peacock and a turkey.

A meeting with the "gardener" himself is worth the trouble. Now in his 70s, Yusepeng, who has his own radio talk show, is funny, irrepressible and irreverent. He says he dropped out of high school because he decided there was little he could learn from his teachers. But being out of school did not mean giving up on education. In fact, he says, his whole life has been devoted to learning.

One area where he has pursued learning passionately is horticulture. His garden is filled with species brought back from many trips abroad—fig from the Middle East, dragon fruit plant from Vietnam, giant aloe vera from the United States, among others. And without a string of PhDs after his name and a well-equipped laboratory, Yusepeng has come up with some of the most interesting plant species in the country on his own.

There is what he calls the Gensan mango, a *siniguelas*-based species that seems to have been crossed with the Indian mango. It is crunchy and not so sour, ideal as appetizer or for kids to munch on just like the Indian mango. Asked why he calls it

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UP CMC extends deadline for photo exhibit entries

HERE'S good news for the University of the Philippines-Diliman College of Mass Communication (CMC) alumni who want to share their college memories in photographs. Deadline for submission of entries to the homecoming photo exhibit has been extended until today. The exhibit will be held Nov. 18-23 at the CMC lobby. Former and current students, faculty and staff of the UP CMC are asked to lend whatever photographs they have of the college. The photos will be properly acknowledged and the UP CMC will take good care of them. Call Consuelo "Aling Suming" Agapito at 920-6864.

GOINGS-ON

CONCERT. A musical concert "OO Batangueño" dedicated to the beatification of the Most Rev. Alfredo Maria Aranda Obviar will be staged tomorrow at the Batangas Sports Complex, Sta. Rita, Batangas City. The concert starts at 5:30 p.m. Call (043) 756-2572.

RETREAT. Centering prayer retreat is set Nov. 15-17 at St. Joseph Marello Retreat House, Tagaytay. Call 842-4030, 633-6115, 722-1968, 817-7251, or e-mail chickie@info.com.ph. Centering prayer is a prayer of interior silence, i.e. meditation to open the spiritual level of our consciousness.

LOCAL carrier South East Asian Airlines (Seair) received the Best Domestic Airlines Company award during the 2002 Who's Who in the Philippines and National Consumers Excellence Awards held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). Seair flies to more destinations in the Philippines than any other domestic airline and maintains a 100 percent safety record. Above photo shows Seair chair Capt. Iren Dornier receiving the award from Sen. Robert Barbers. Witnessing the awarding are (L-R) Jonathan Navea, Julius Bernardo, Gov. Justo M. Ortiz and Shiella Cabi-ao.

ISLANDS Souvenirs received recently the Outstanding Retailer of the Year award from the Philippine Retailers Association and the Department of Trade and Industry. It was named World Class Filipino Retailer in 1997. Islands also won the Best Booth award at the recent 10th Philippine International Franchise Expo. Aside from local franchises, the brand now has international franchises in Japan, Singapore and the San Francisco Bay Area in the US. In photo at the Islands Souvenirs booth during the expo are (L-R): Samie Lim, Cito Lorenzo, Bayani Fernando and Lyndon Angan.

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SEMINAR. Mind development lecturer, author and researcher Jaime T. Licauco will conduct seminars this month in Makati City. The first will be on Basic ESP and Intuition Development to be held at 308 Prince Plaza Bldg I, 106 Legazpi St., Greenbelt, Makati City, Nov. 16-17. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and the second on Soul Mates, Karma and Reincarnation, Nov. 23, 1-7 p.m., at the same venue. Call 892-6806 or 810-7245.

AWARD. AVSurfer.com, the first Philippine electronics online store, is one of the finalists in the Commerce category of the 2002 Philippine Web Awards. Winners will be announced 7:30 p.m., Nov. 29, at the Dusit Hotel. AVSurfer.com is one of the concept stores under Avid Sales Corporation. Call 525-2215/3634 or log on to www.avsurfer.com.

STORYTELLING SESSION. Filipinas Heritage Library will host Toys and Stories, a storytelling session with a healthy dose of art projects, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-12 nn. Melody Remorca is back for more tales on Filipino values and lore. A session on making toys, from picture frames to ref magnets, will be featured. Bring your kids, 3-10 years old, and discover how storytelling is a better way of entertaining children as they learn important values. Admission fee is P100, inclusive of materials. E-mail events@fillib.org.ph or call 892-1801. Filipinas Heritage Library is along Makati Avenue opposite The Peninsula Manila.

FORUM. Landmark Forum, America's most popular program, returns to Manila in January. Attend a free introduction conducted by Japan-based, Forum leader Jerome Downes on Nov. 22 at the Yuchengco Institute of Advanced Studies, RCBC Plaza, Rms. 528-529, De La Salle, 7-9 pm. Call 851-8500 or (0917) 667-9774.

BAZAAR. Anno Domini Concepts Inc. (ADCI) is organizing the annual Eagles of Hope Christmas Bazaar of the Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU) on Nov. 30-Dec. 1, at the AdMU High School covered courts. Call Alvin J. Mercado at 721-1733/0734 or fax 721-0766.

BAZAAR. The Christmas@2002 Shop Expo will be held Nov. 23-24 at the World Trade Center. Call 687-0654/2955.

ITALIAN CLASSES. The Philippine-Italian Association (PIA) announces the opening of the Italian Classes for Beginners, a 40-hour course on the Italian language, on Jan. 14-March 13, 2003. Workshops will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, 2-4 p.m., at the PIA Secretariat, 2/L Zeta Bldg., 191 Salcedo St., Legazpi Village, Makati City. Enrollment is ongoing. Call 815-1310.

BAZAAR. Karl Edward International opens three-day bazaars, Nov. 15-17 and 22-24, 9 a.m.-9 p.m, with the Shop@thefort Bazaar, at the Tent, Bonifacio Global City, Makati. The bazaar features reasonably priced items from importers and exporters, distributors and manufacturers.

RAFFLE DRAW. Norberto Noriega, national chair of the Pambansang Kalipunan ng mga Kooperatibang Pansasakyan (PKKP) announces the new scheduled PKKP raffle draw set on March 2, 2003, to coincide with its Foundation Day celebration.

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New mall opens in Baguio

ABANAO Square will formally open today in Baguio City.

Located in the busy district of Abanao and Zandueta Streets, Abanao Square is a five-story shopping mall that houses commercial mainstays such as the very first National Bookstore in Baguio, and other Baguio first-timers such as Bench, Her Bench, Freeway, Solo, Adidas, Dickies, and Pink Soda.

Abanao Square will also house Chowking, Greenwich, Mercury Drug, Dunkin' Donuts, Nike, Do-It-Yourself Store, Mendrez and many more. Gadget and computer buffs will enjoy the cellphone and electronics center, which has an Internet café and network gaming arcade. There are also shops for express mail delivery services, film processing, hair styling, watch repair and many more.

The inaugural ceremonies start at 3 p.m. Celebrities expected to grace the affair are Roxanne Barcelo, Chynna Ortaleza, Paolo Ballesteros and Sherwin Ordonez. There will be a motorcade and a fireworks display.

Hi-tech speakers now in market

KLIPSCH Audio Technologies recently introduced the ProMedia speaker series in the Philippines. It comes in three separate models: ProMedia 2.1, ProMedia 4.1 and ProMedia 5.1. All of these models are made of separate 8.5" black satellite speakers and a subwoofer driven by a digital hybrid amplifier. They come with headphone jack, auxiliary input to facilitate digital audio players, gaming consoles, computers or any compatible device that acts as audio source.

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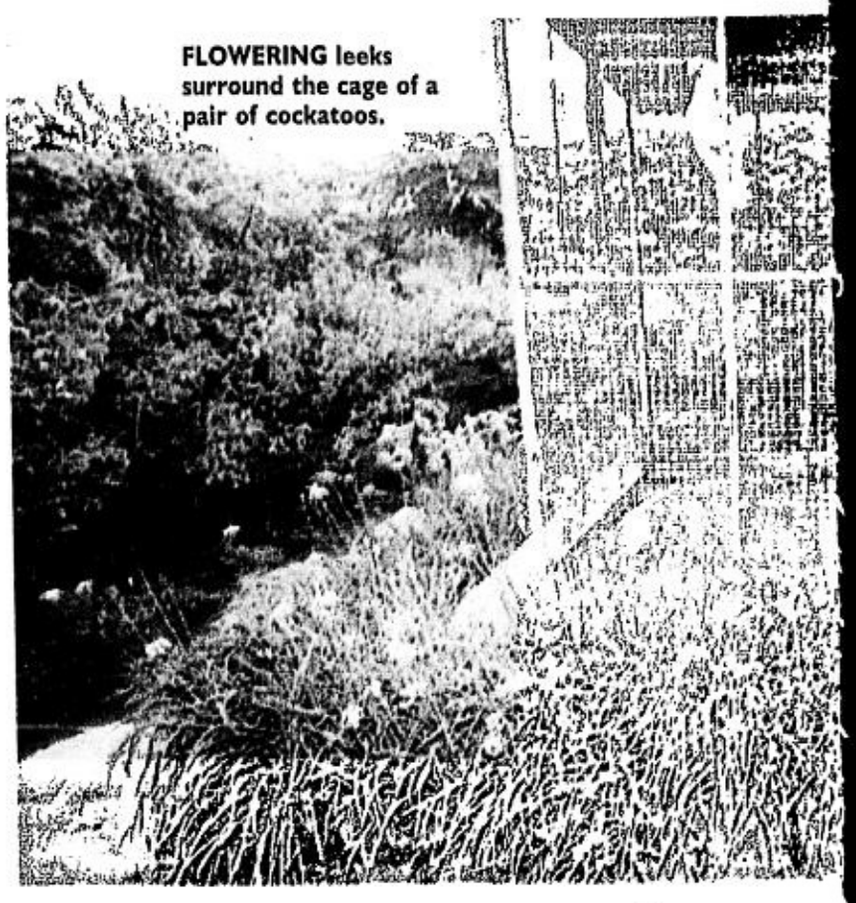
A COUPLE of deer give visitors the once-over.

Visitors to Gensan have started to make a beeline to the Yusepeng residence to discover the exotic, the rare, the strange species that have taken root in the smallish garden



FLOWERING leeks surround the cage of a pair of cockatoos.

Garden in 'tuna

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a mango, Yusepeng explains he wants Gensan to have something to call its own. He adds mischievously that, another consideration in his choice of name, is the fact that the fruit is also "*kasinlaki ng utak*" of some local politicians. A cross between the *guyabano* and the *atis* has produced a fruit that looks like the *tiesa*.

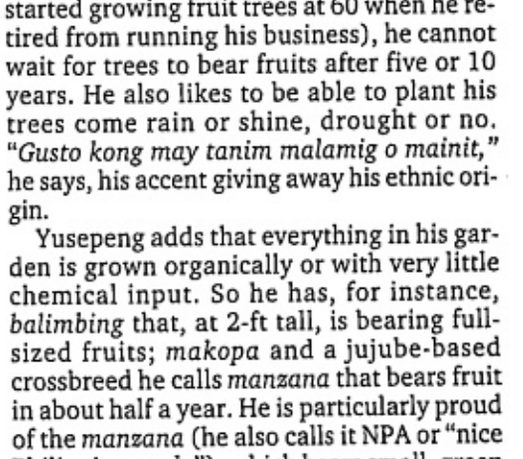
Fruitful experiments

Yusepeng says he conducts his plant breeding experiments because, at his age (he started growing fruit trees at 60 when he retired from running his business), he cannot wait for trees to bear fruits after five or 10 years. He also likes to be able to plant his trees come rain or shine, drought or no. "*Gusto kong may tanim malamig o mainit,*" he says, his accent giving away his ethnic origin.

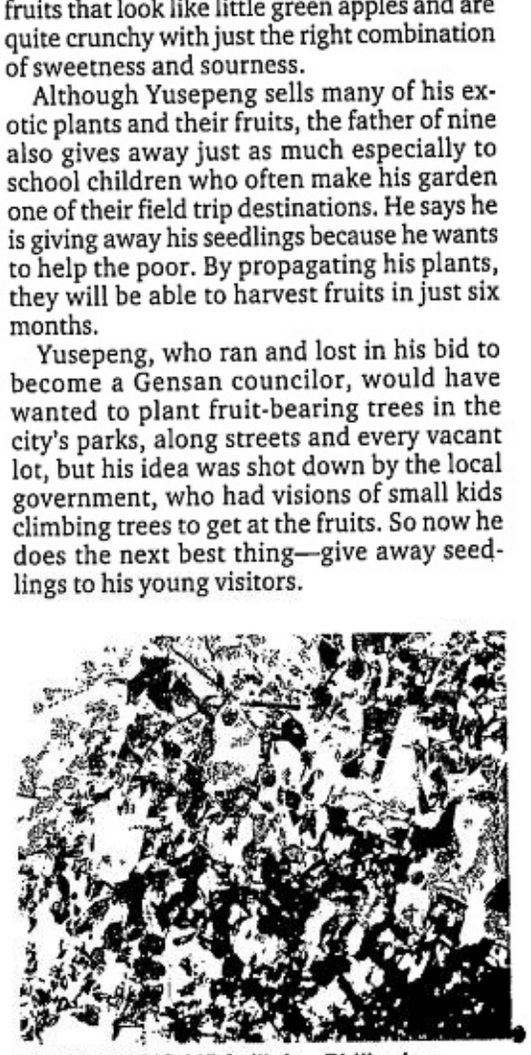
Yusepeng adds that everything in his garden is grown organically or with very little chemical input. So he has, for instance, *balimbing* that, at 2-ft tall, is bearing full-sized fruits; *makopa* and a jujube-based crossbreed he calls *manzana* that bears fruit in about half a year. He is particularly proud of the *manzana* (he also calls it NPA or "nice Philippine apple"), which bears small, green fruits that look like little green apples and are quite crunchy with just the right combination of sweetness and sourness.

Although Yusepeng sells many of his exotic plants and their fruits, the father of nine also gives away just as much especially to school children who often make his garden one of their field trip destinations. He says he is giving away his seedlings because he wants to help the poor. By propagating his plants, they will be able to harvest fruits in just six months.

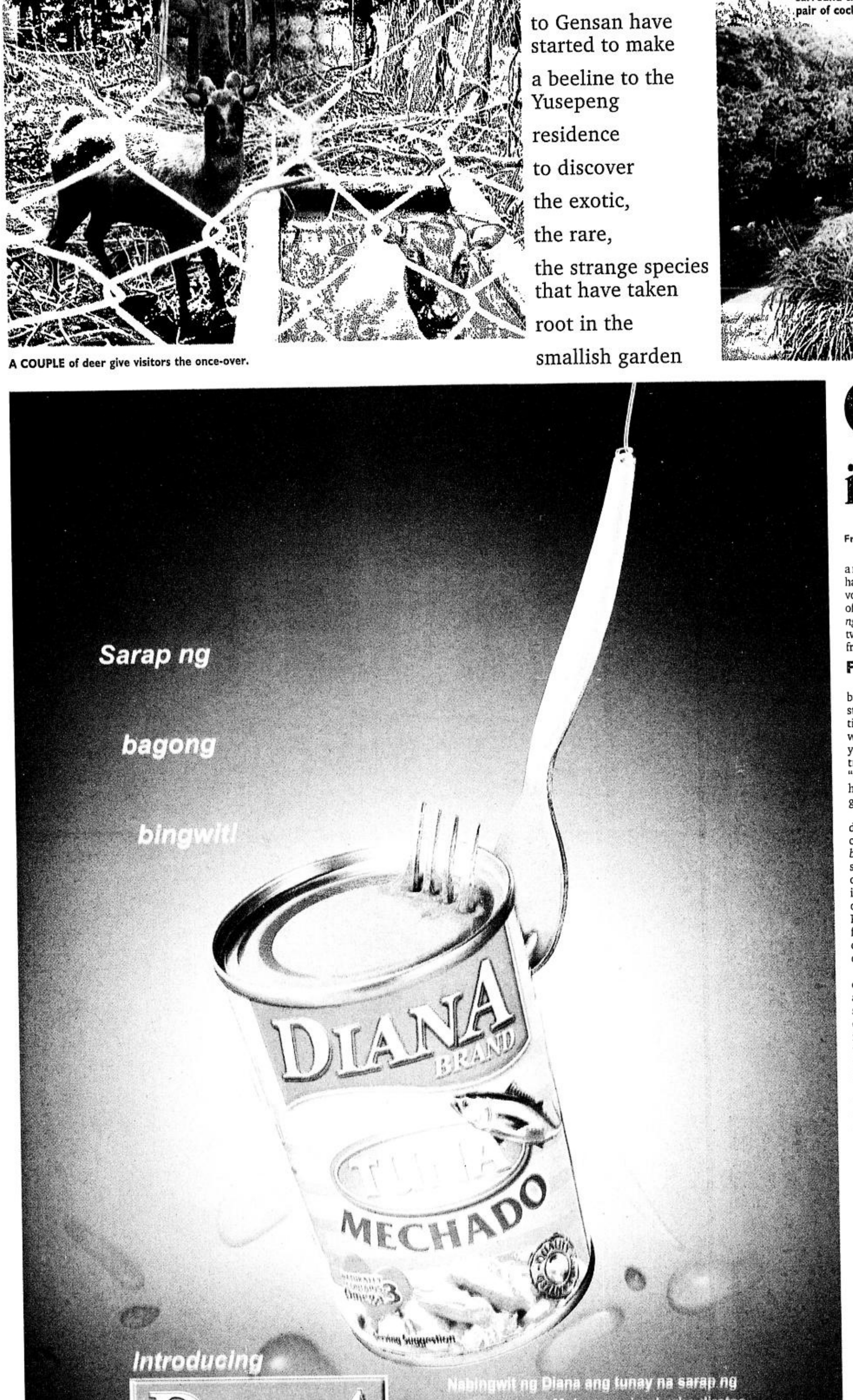
Yusepeng, who ran and lost in his bid to become a Gensan councilor, would have wanted to plant fruit-bearing trees in the city's parks, along streets and every vacant lot, but his idea was shot down by the local government, who had visions of small kids climbing trees to get at the fruits. So now he does the next best thing—give away seedlings to his young visitors.

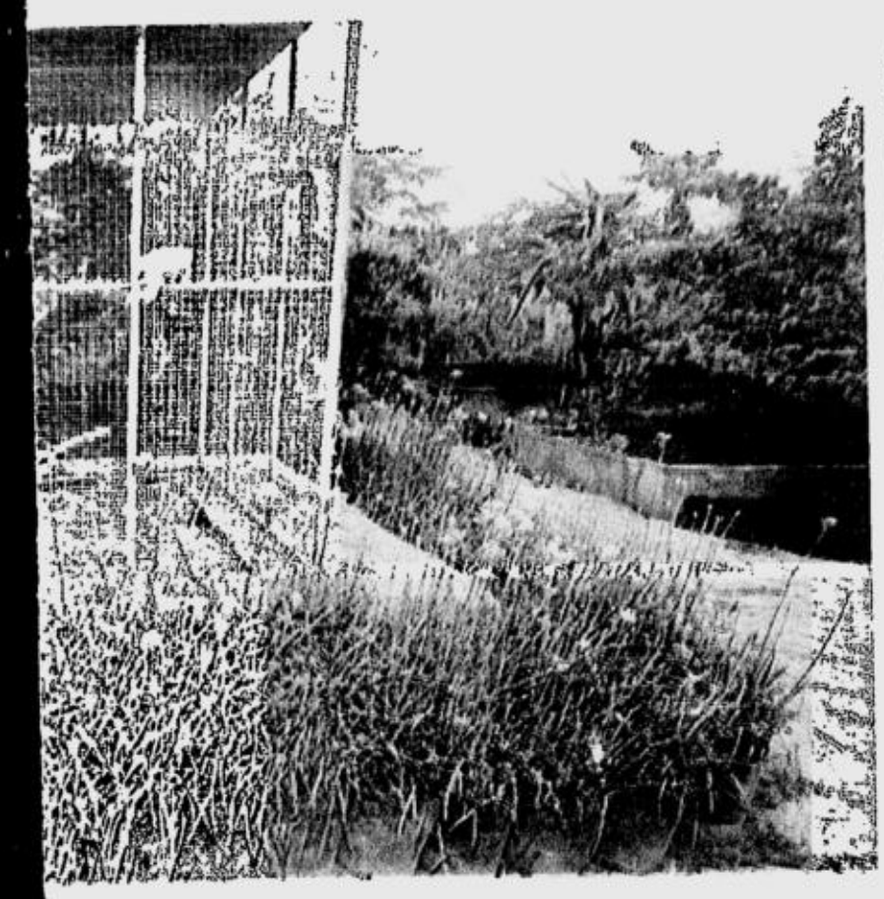


YUSEPENG'S NPA ("nice Philippine apple") or *manzana*, a jujube-based plant



CARLOS Yusepeng prepares a flowering *balimbing* for transport.





AN EXOTIC resident at the Yusepeng garden, which looks like a cross between a turkey and a peacock

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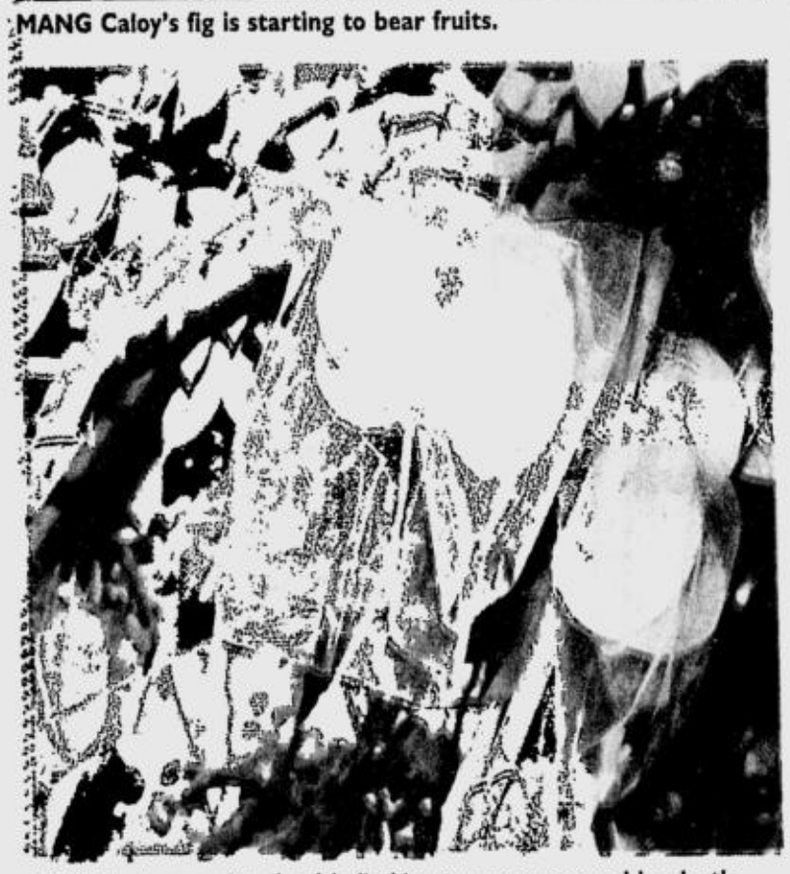
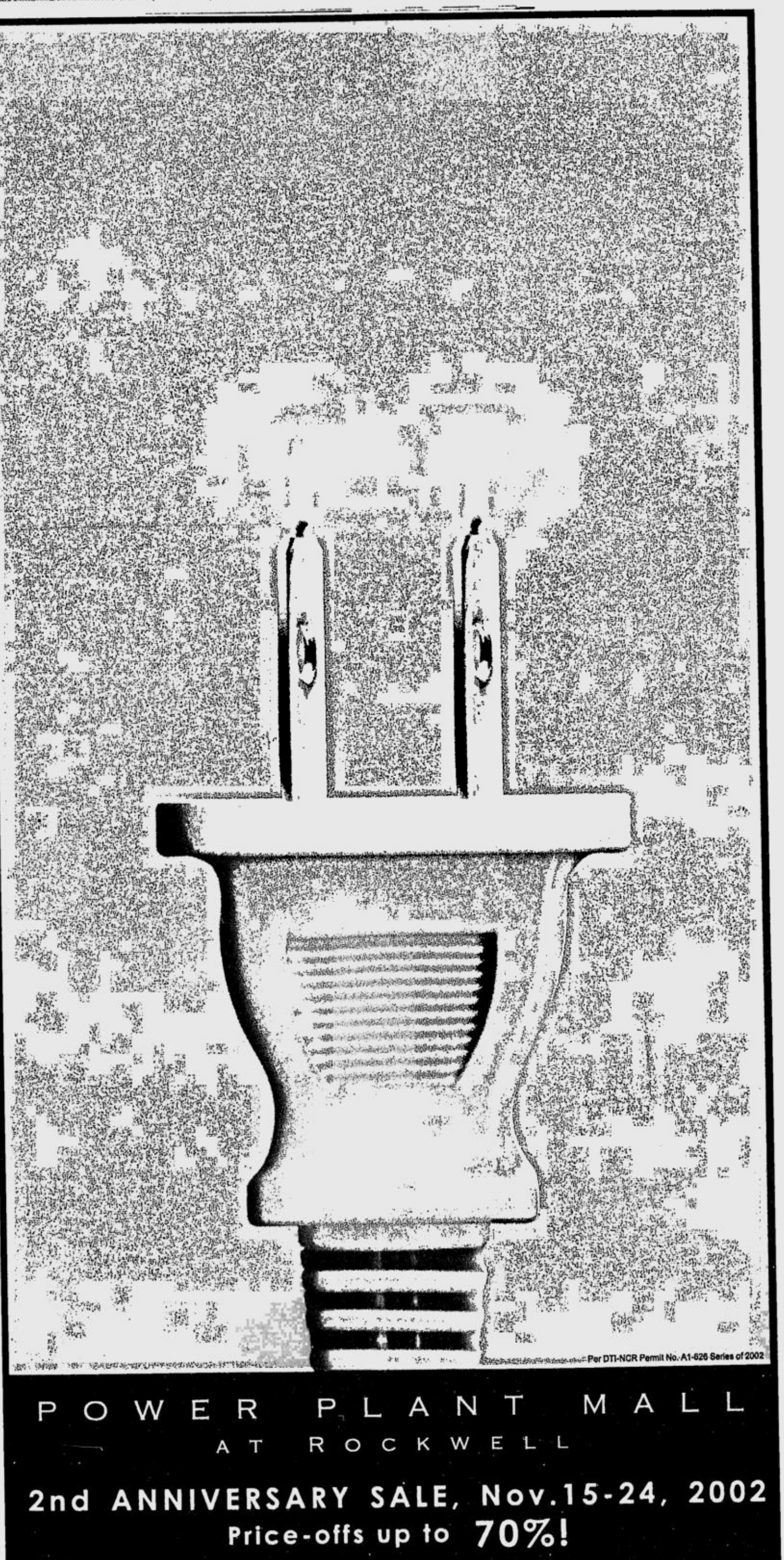
VIETNAM's dragon fruit plant, a cactus variety

MANG Caloy's fig is starting to bear fruits.



FRUITS of a regular-sized *balimbing* tree are covered in plastic. Yusepeng has 2-ft tall trees that bear fruits of the same size.



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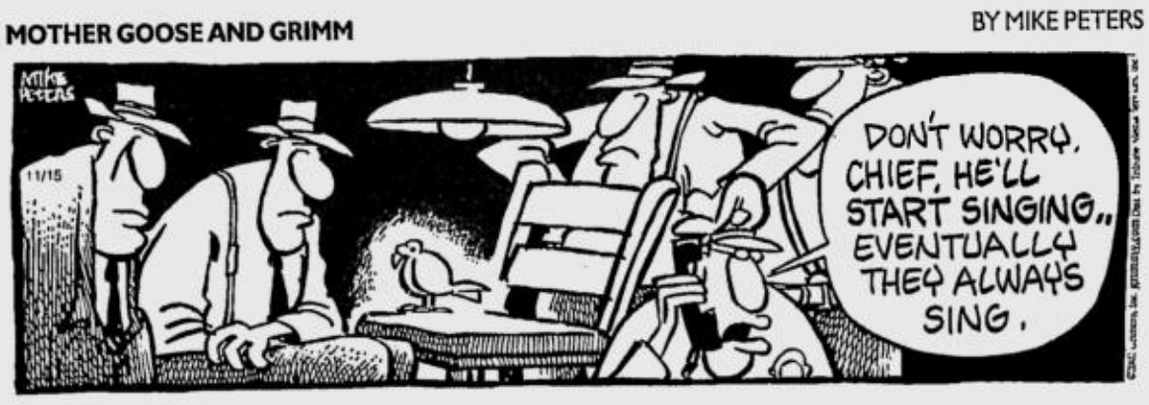

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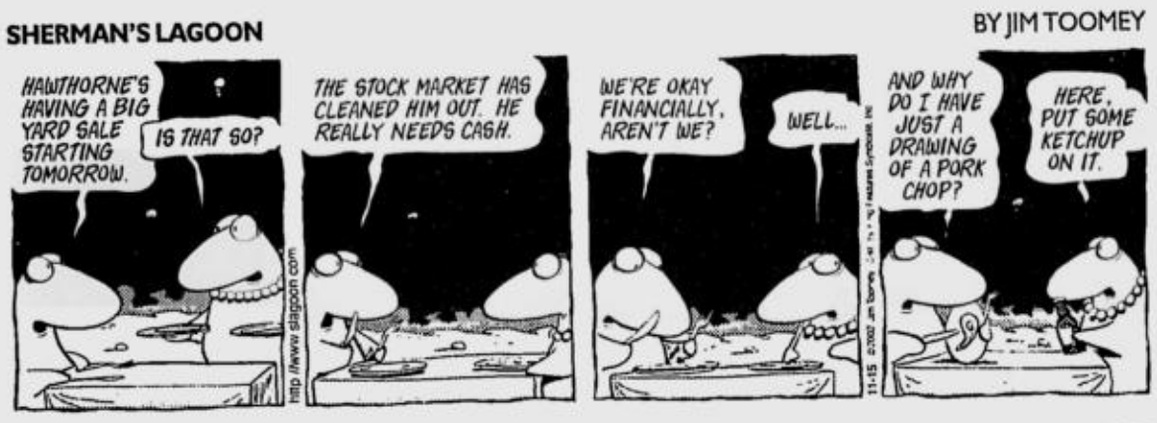

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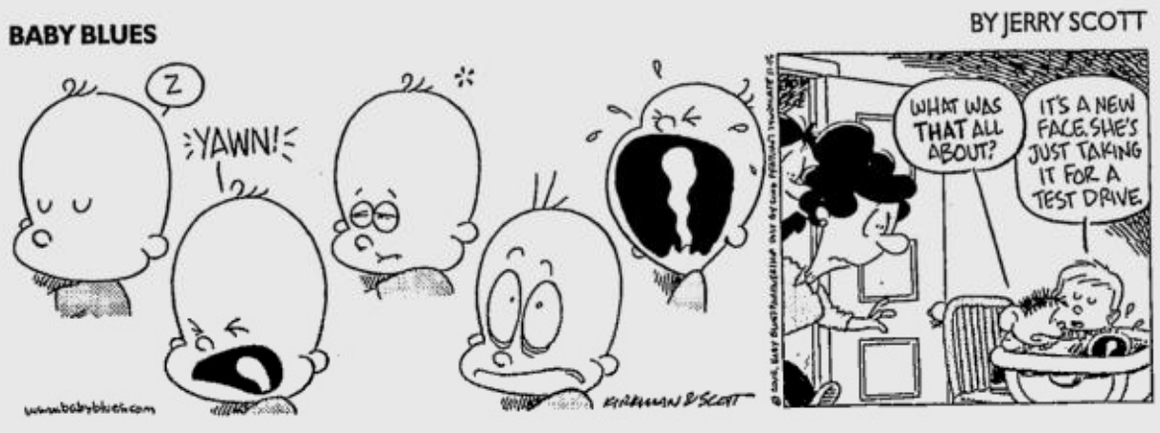

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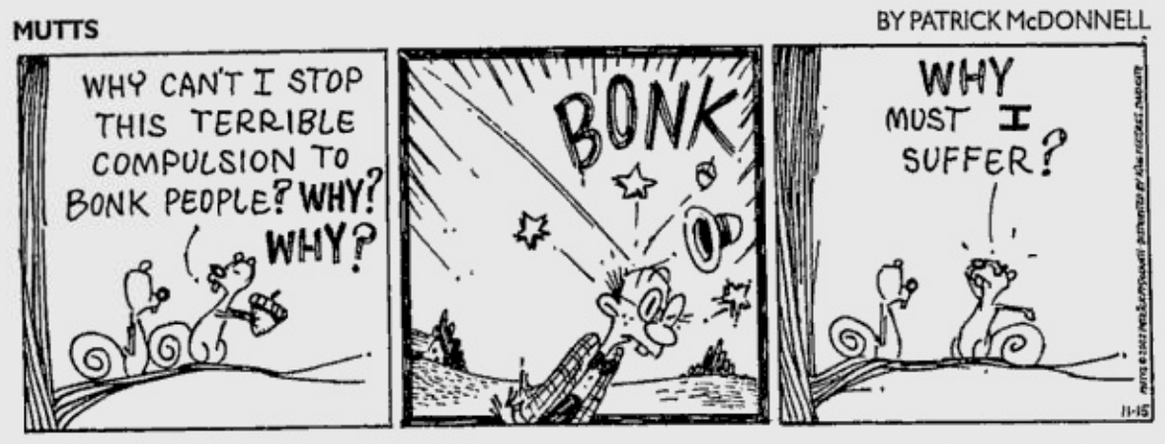

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Problems with loved ones will erupt if you have been keeping secrets or have been evasive about your intentions. Be forthright with loved ones so they feel comfortable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Communications with your lover will be enlightening. Don't get involved in the personal affairs of colleagues or relatives. You don't quite have the complete picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not discuss your goals or intentions with colleagues. It may be premature, and some may usurp your ideas and pass them off as their own. Opportunities to travel are likely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Go with the flow and enjoy your lover. Passionate encounters are your best outlet. Don't hold back; just let things unfold naturally.

Birthday Baby: You will always want to be where the action is and will learn from what you observe. You will be a master at the art of persuasion and determined to do something great.

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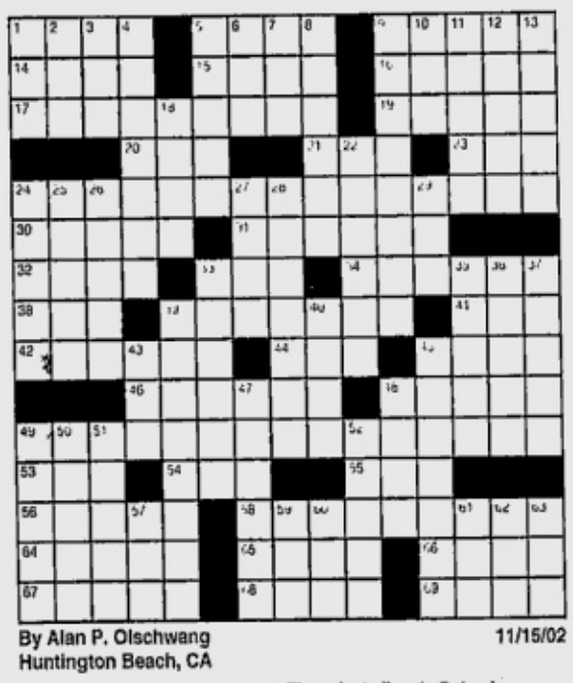

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ACROSS
1 Burn slightly
5 Ponselle or Parks
9 Dark yellow
14 Talk wildly
15 Writer Bagnold
16 Diplomat Silas
17 Start of George Ade quote
19 Part 2 of quote
20 Lupino or Tarbell
21 Operated
23 Just get by
24 Part 3 of quote
30 Sea eagles
31 Actor Hoffman
32 Small drinks
33 Disencumber
34 Takes on as one's own
38 Here in Le Havre
39 Specialties
41 Tell's canton
42 Kidnapper's demand
44 "__ the season to be jolly"
45 Type of doctor?
46 Satellite of Neptune
48 Pancake order
49 Part 4 of quote
53 NYC opera house
54 King of Judea
55 Once around the track
56 Part 5 of quote
58 End of quote
64 Sifting utensil
65 QED part
66 Singer Adams
67 Valuable violin, for short
68 Uncommon
69 Anon

DOWN
1 TV innards
2 Expression of derision
3 Hail to Caesar
4 Hits the hay
5 Do another land survey
6 Five before six
7 Watch kids
8 Decorates
9 Upper-throat lymphoid tissue
10 Fellows
11 Danish Nobel Peace Prize winner Fredrik
12 Mushroom that resembles a bean sprout
13 Point NW of San Francisco
18 Wedding vows
22 Essential oils
24 Norse gods
25 Author Jong
26 Remove a brooch
27 Cut and splice
28 Accounts examiner
29 Numero __
33 Sends payment
35 Contents of cocoons
36 Artifice
37 Submerges
39 Performed bricklayer's work
40 "__ kleine Nachtmusik"
43 R-V contents
45 Siberian plains
47 "Casey at the Bat" poet
48 Cob or pen
49 Pile up
50 Be appropriate
51 River frolicker
52 Extract with a solvent
57 Actress Gabor
59 __ pro nobis
60 Egt.-Syr., once
61 Fuss
62 AFL-__
63 Barbie's guy

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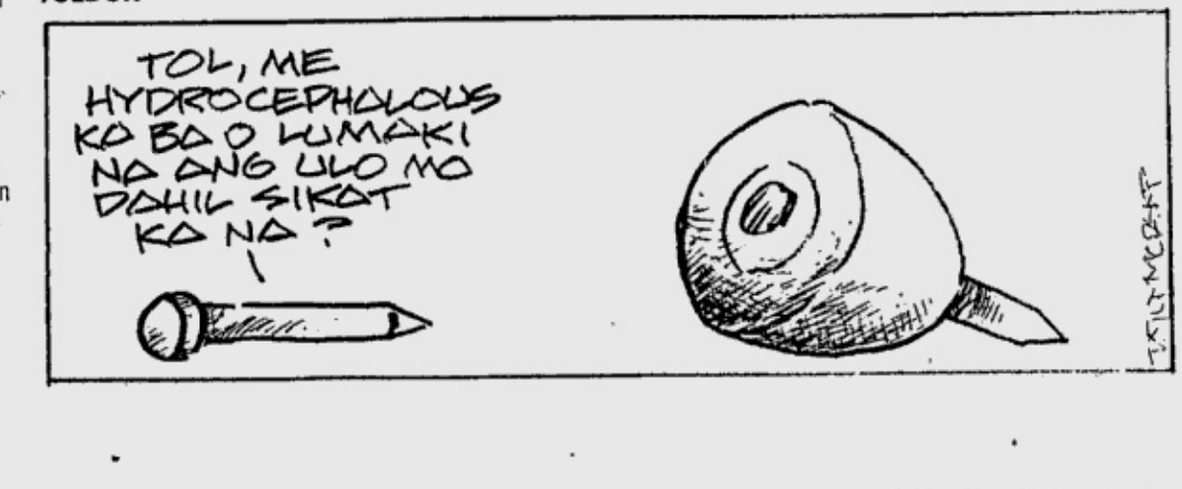

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AMPARO Aspiras with daughter, Babot Oreta

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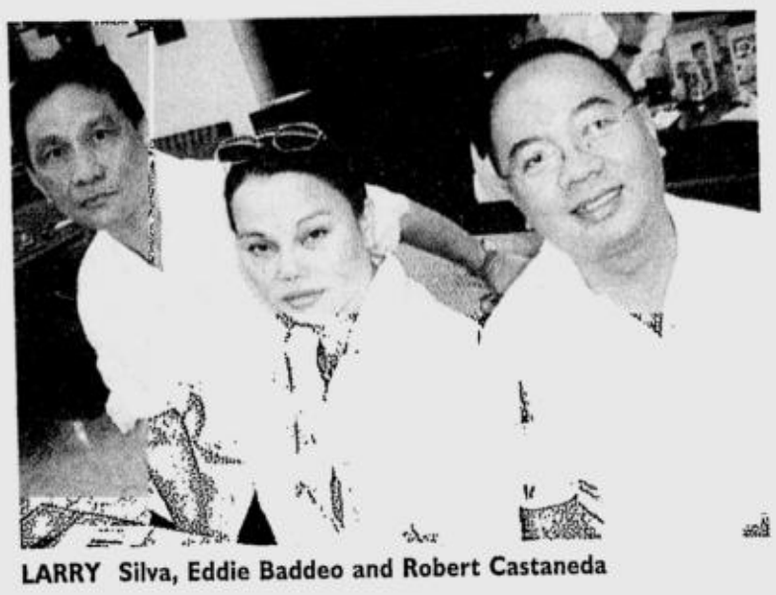
RONNIE Tapia with hubby, Richard Merck



LARRY Silva, Eddie Baddeo and Robert Castaneda

Women of substance

CRISPINA Martinez Belen and Gina Vera Perez de Venecia

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Raul Teehankee

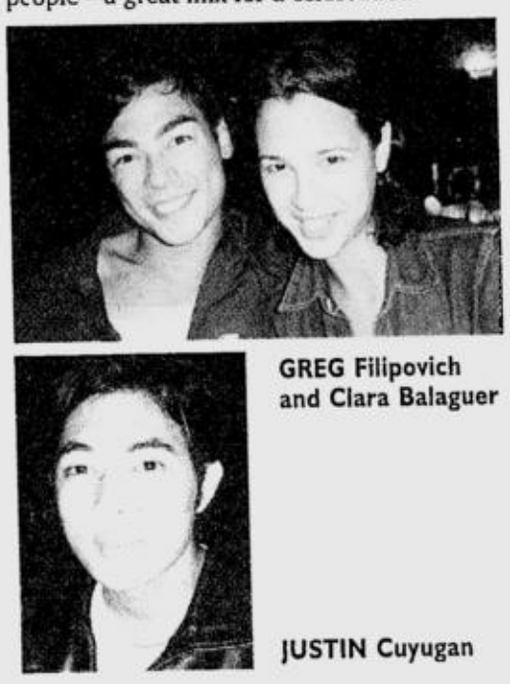
CRISPINA Martinez Belen and this section's editor, Chelo Banal-Formoso have been friends for decades but have been celebrating their birthdays, which are days apart, on different days. It was an opportune time for perennial party organizer Robert Castaneda to tender a joint luncheon for the two last week at the Astoria Plaza, one of the newest hotel apartments in Pasig City. It was a simple yet intimate celebration with family and friends.

Another woman of substance, Jacqui Magno celebrated 25 years of singing professionally and did it in jazzy style. Considered by National Artist Andrea Veneracion as one Filipina with a unique voice, (Dulce and Lea Salonga are on her list) Magno wowed audiences at the newly opened Merck's, which is located in Greenbelt, Makati. Merck's is owned by jazz singer, Richard Merck and wife, Ronnie Tapia. It was also a perfect time to meet old friends, Mayanne Eduque Velhagen, Mary Anne Magalona Gomez, Pat Castillo and movie actor Justin Cuyugan.

At L'Incontro on Reposo Street in Makati, we ate fabulous Italian food and chatted the night away with the most interesting people. Gino and wife, Linda are indeed gracious restaurateurs which makes dining in their place such an enjoyable experience. Documentary producer, David Chin from Singapore swore by the pasta covered with three different toppings. Power boy, Greg Filipovich enjoyed the Chardonnay while Clara Balaguer loved the breadsticks. Catch Clara next year with host, Jamie Atidya in a unique travel documentary on the Philippines to be aired on the Discovery Channel.

Birthdays, food, new places and dynamic people—a great mix for a celebration!

JACQUI Magno



GREG Filipovich and Clara Balaguer

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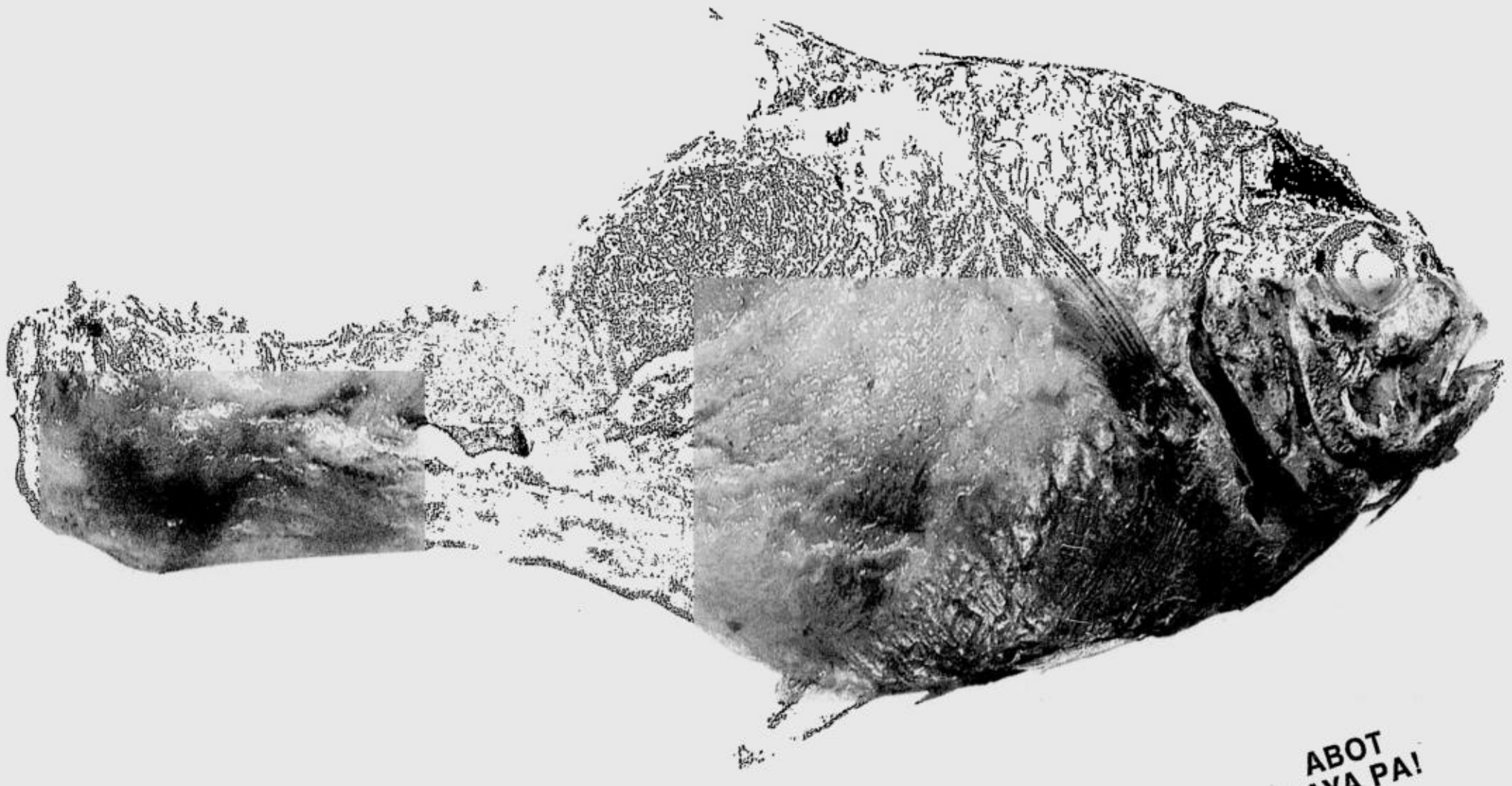
LASANG MANOK O LASANG TALAKITOK?



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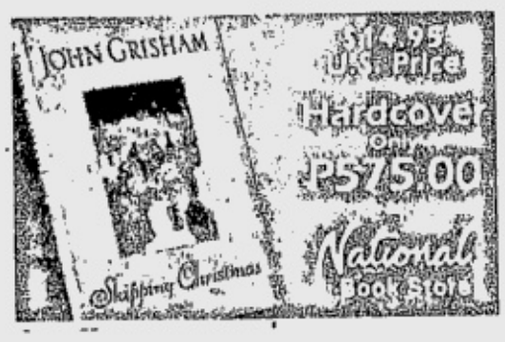

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Why Philippine antiques are most fascinating, unique in Asia

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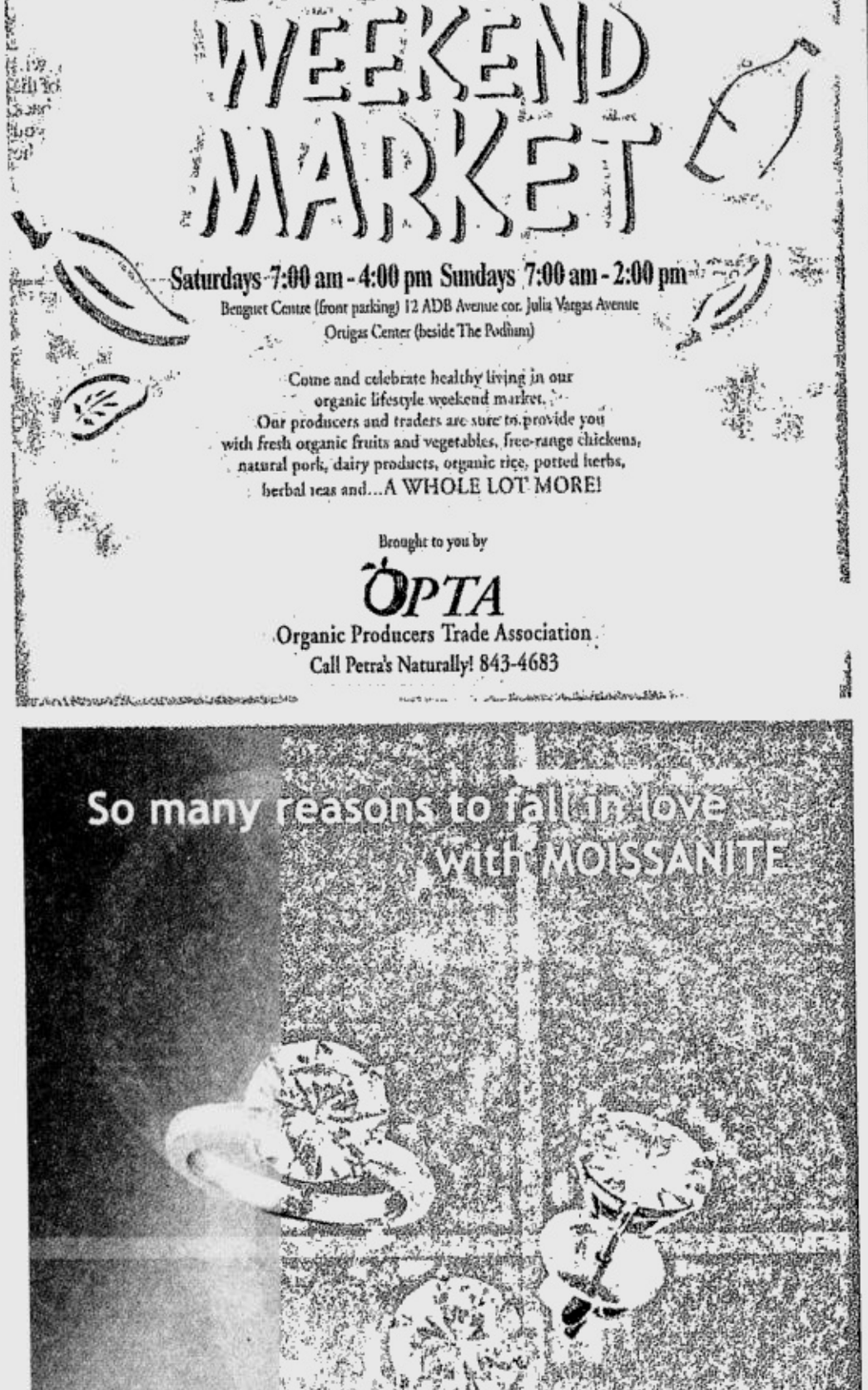

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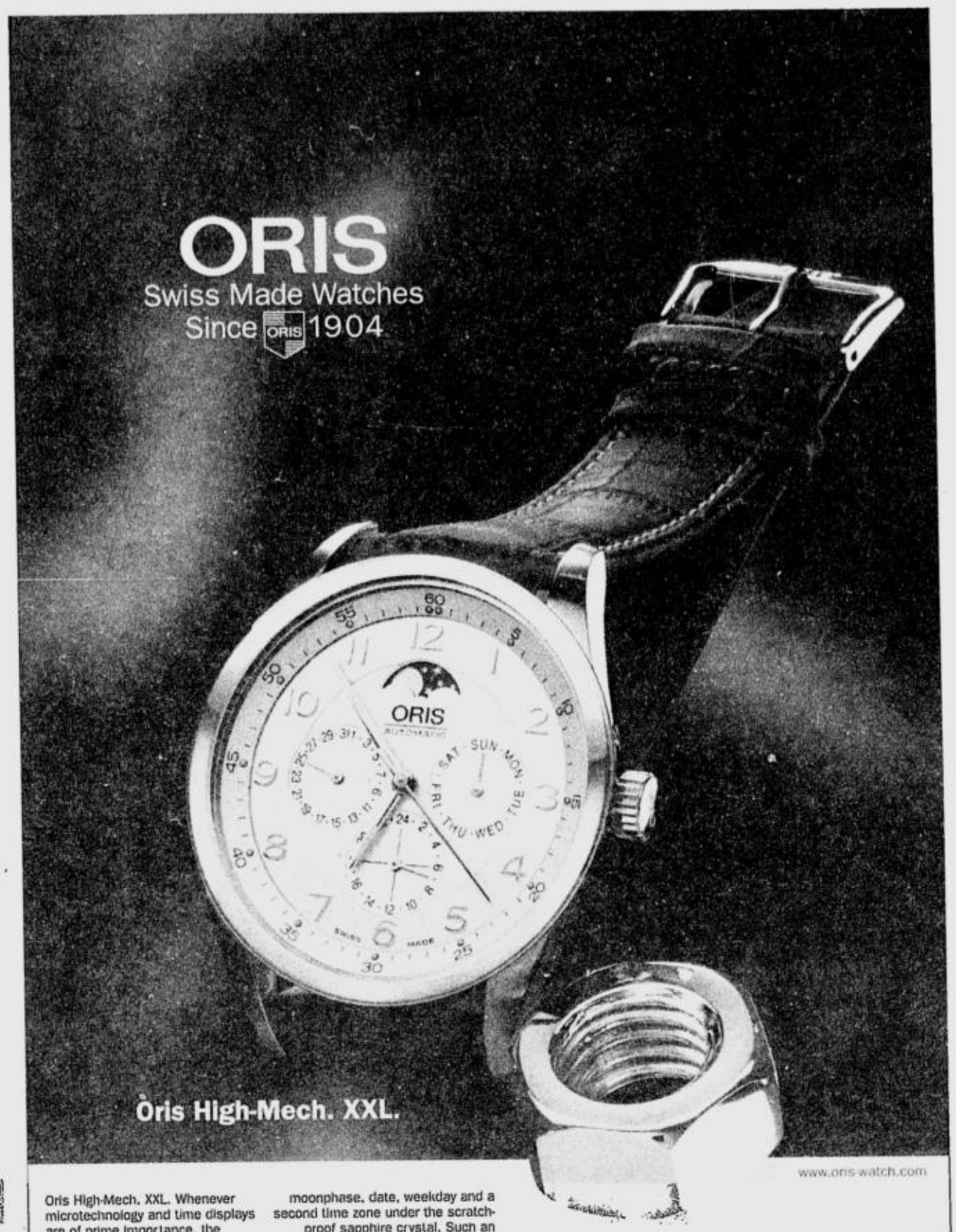

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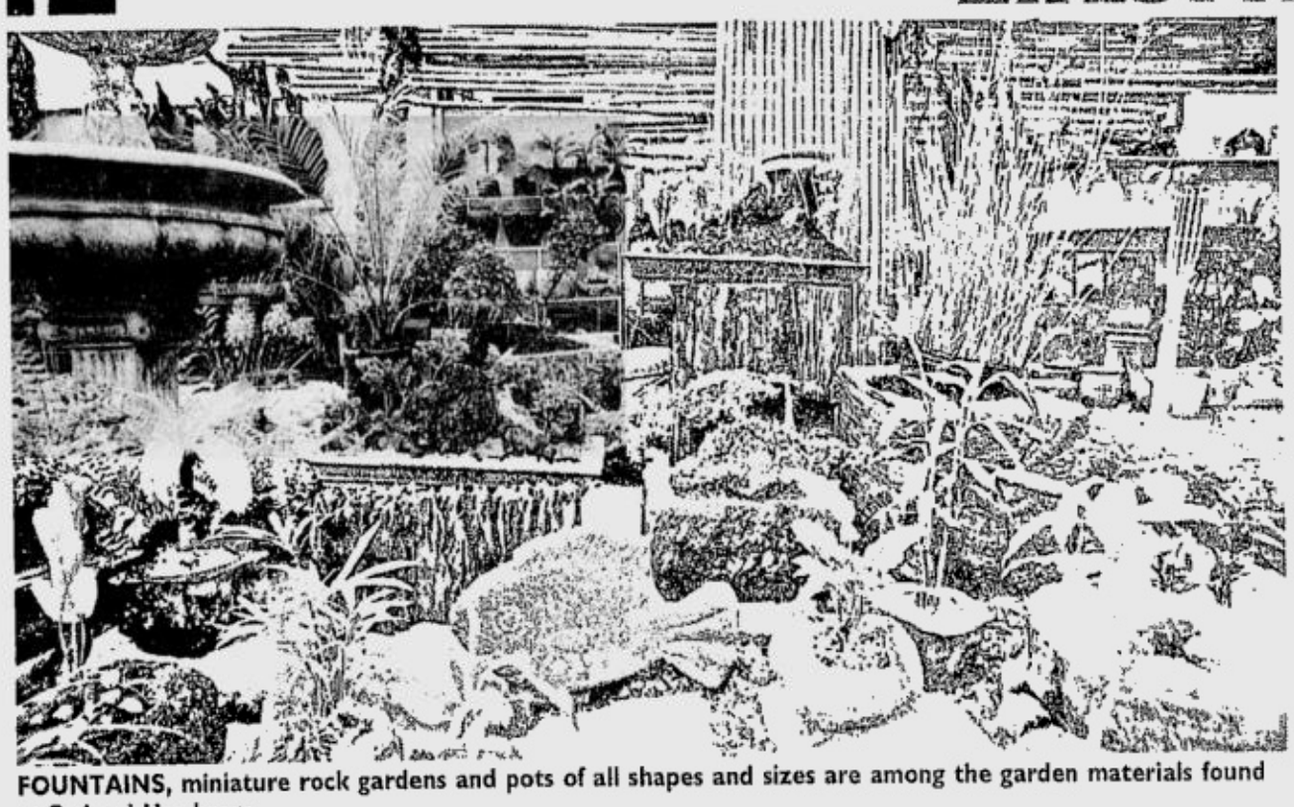

FOUNTAINS, miniature rock gardens and pots of all shapes and sizes are among the garden materials found at Federal Hardware.

Store offers extensive line of garden implements and supplies

FEDERAL Hardware offers a variety of garden equipment and lawn accessories, such as shovel, trowel, hose, plastic pots, fertilizers and artificial soil. The shop also carries sprinklers, coco products for pots, steel garden benches, fountains and lawn statues. Customers may also get advice from Jun Orlina, lawn and gardening expert.

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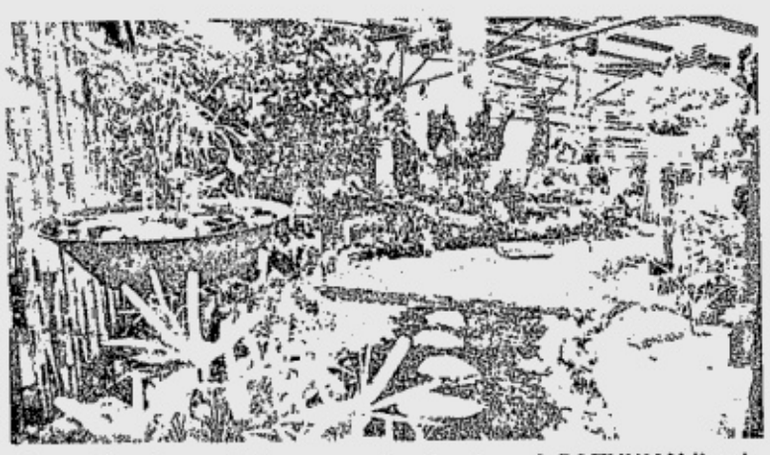
Federal will soon be holding new product presentations and free lectures on subjects like gardening and plumbing.

Federal is recommending these guidelines to help reduce your labor and maximize garden relaxation:

1. Choose plants suited to the location, as well as those that require little regular attention to grow well.

2. Before planting, dig the bed area thoroughly and remove all weeds by the roots. Put away rocks and old roots, but leave small stones to help in the drainage.

3. Add the compost to enrich the soil before planting. By using compost that's fit for your plants, the plants will be nurtured under the optimum growing condition



A PATHWAY lined with trees, shrubs and hanging plants

4. Putting ground cover plants between the main feature plants will not only help ward off weeds, but also add color and texture to your lawn.

Federal's flagship store on Chino Roces Ave. (formerly Pasong Tamo) in Makati is nearly 4000 sq m. There are branches in Taytay and Cainta, Rizal; E. Rodriguez, Quezon City; Las Pinas; Bacoor and Imus, Cavite; Calamba, Laguna; and Bocaue, Bulacan and Angeles City.

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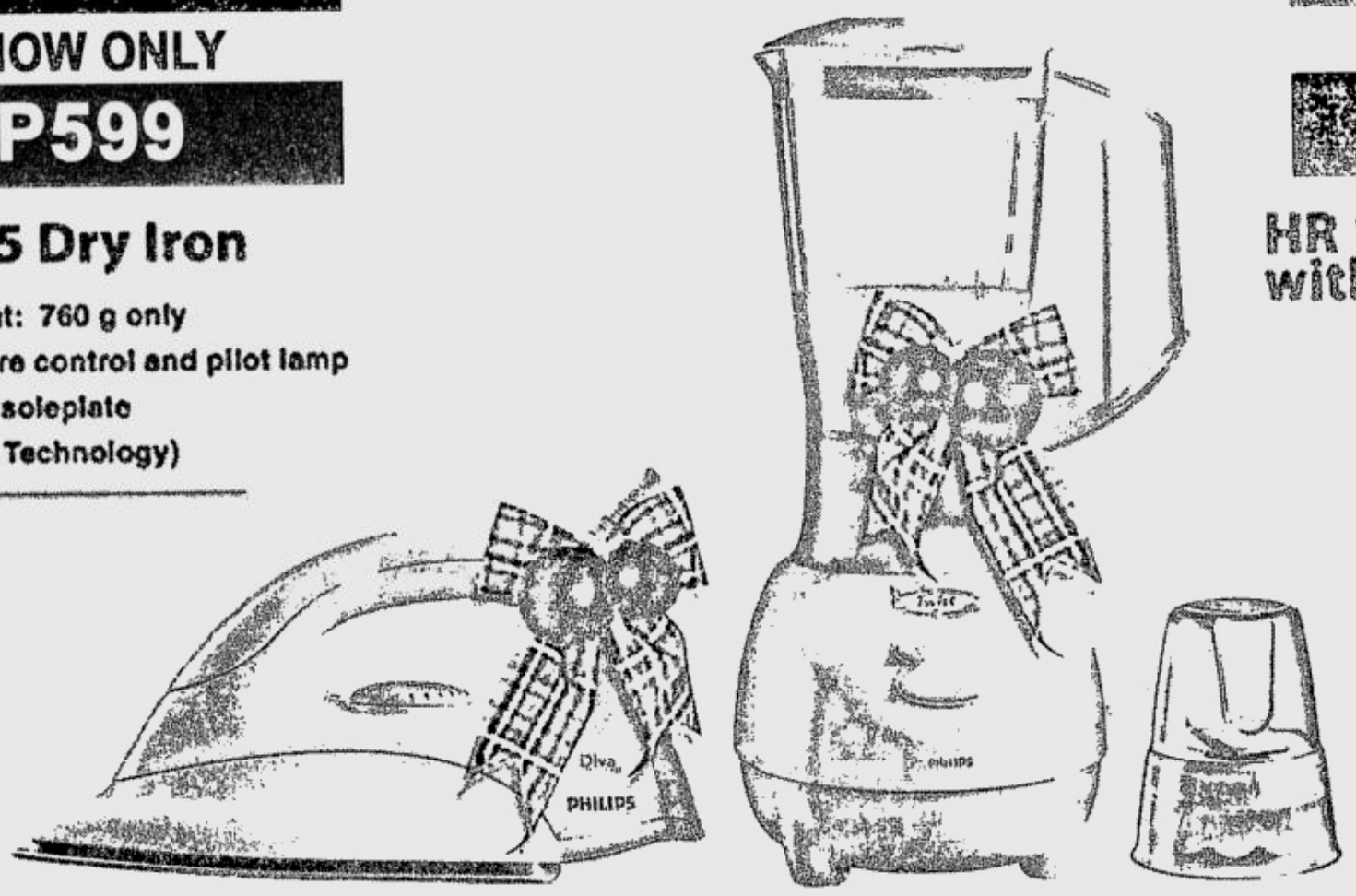

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Media can make a difference in environmental sustainability

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

IN ENVIRONMENTAL matters, the name of the game is partnership. Whether local groups with concerned citizens or international organizations with government and business corporations, cooperation and collaboration are needed to see a project through. This is because environmental issues have global impact that help from various sectors, domestic and/or foreign, becomes necessary. So we find Greenpeace, for example, teaming up with health and beauty enterprise, Body Shop, to reduce greenhouse gases and prevent climate change, and with the local Organic Market to address the issue of genetically engineered foods. Business corporations like Unilever have likewise linked up with the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission and the Laguna Lake Development Authority to clean and revitalize the waterways, and Nokia has pledged support for a smaller but no less important an undertaking as the Orchidarium at Rizal Park.

One of the latest environmental link-ups involves a regional organization with Philippine provincial agencies and media. This is the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia or Pemsea. In the Philippines, the waterways that come under the Pemsea program are Manila Bay, Batangas Bay and the coasts of Bataan. These areas have separate management strategies and plans under provincial or city officials with funding from public/private sector partnerships or PPP. While pollution is a problem common to all three areas, each one has specific needs. Bigkis Bataan (Bigay Galing sa Kalikasan ng Bataan), for example, was set up to manage and develop the natural resources of the province with particular focus on its marine and coastal areas.

In Batangas Bay, the task has something to do with a solid waste management program, which is economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound. It's a task that must consider the province's three cities and 31 municipalities.

Manila Bay, which is located in the country's government and commercial center, and known as the best natural harbor in the world, presents the biggest problems among the three, particularly the effect on many stakeholders who depend on it for their business and other activities.

Key partner

All three areas, having set up their coastal strategy programs with public/private partnerships and with cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Pemsea, believe that work on their strategies and needs can be accomplished faster and widely disseminated through the cooperation of media. It was for this reason that the conference, "Media as Key Partners in Environmental Sustainability," was held recently. Sustainability is the buzz word in environmental circles these days, considering that the recent World Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa was held with sustainable development as theme.

It is Pemsea's view as well that effective management and sustainability of "the region's marine and coastal heritage can be achieved through innovative partnership arrangements," and that the seas of Asia are important because they provide food, livelihood and various forms of goods and services to the coastal population of the region. Since coastal and marine resources face stress due to rapid industrial development and expansion of marine trade, together with problems of pollution, overexploitation of natural resources and destructive fishing practices, it has become obvious that no country, donor, agency or individual effort can effectively resolve today's environmental management problems, and that there is need for media to help spread information on what is going on and what is needed to attain sustainability.

At the conference, the broadcast media was represented by Elizabeth C. Roxas, executive director of the Environmental Broadcast Circle; the print media by Ma. Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez, president/CEO of the PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER; and Fr. Frank Lucas, president of the Catholic Media Network, media for the masses. There were speakers from the Pemsea and UNDP regional offices, as well as from the DENR.

According to Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Pemsea's regional program director, the role of media in environmental sustainability is crucial because "sustainable development implies a planned and strategic use of the communication process and media products to support effective policy-making, public participation and project implementation..." He also added, "... governments cannot possibly achieve [those goals] alone. It is only through innovations and committed partnerships that we can all make a difference in this earth."

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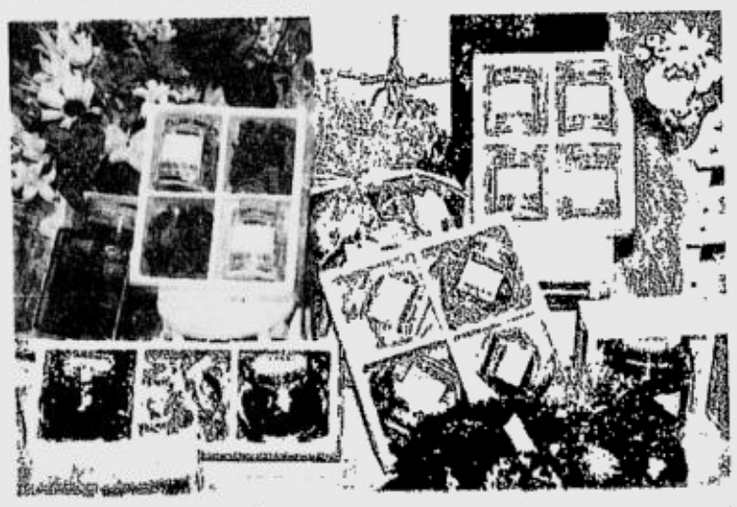

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Pals of arts and culture toast friendship

THE FRIENDS for Cultural Concerns of the Philippines (FCCP), formerly Friends of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, celebrated its 23rd anniversary with a dinner-dance at the Shangri-La Hotel. The theme of the evening was "In Celebration of Friendship."

Fortune Ledesma, Mellie Ablaza, Nene Leonor and Helen Ong organized the dinner dance. Master of ceremony was Johnny Litton.

The program, which was organized by Chit Gohu, started with a mime invocation by the black theater team of the Makati Rotary Inter Actors Group. It was followed by a duet of siblings Nicholas and Jo-B Manalo Sebastian, grandchildren of Gez and Billy Manalo.

Singing songs of friendship was the FCCP New Generation Singing Group, composed of Mikey Eleazar, Therese Liboro, Mikaela Hahn, Cindy Roxas, Dani Eleazar, Jo Ann Cadungog, Julika Roxas, Alex Michalena, Isabel Cuerva, Georgian Carlos and Cristina Pappas.

The group was later joined by Bea and Jas Syquia, grandchildren of Letty and Ike Syquia, and Mio Nuguid and Jacqueline Ong, grandchildren of Helen and Sonny Ong.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of bouquets to past and present FCCP presidents, such as FCCP founding chair Chito Madrigal Collantes, Tessie Luz, Nori Ongsiako, Letty Syquia, Olga Severino Martel, Cez Manalo, Nellie Bengson, Celing Batungbacal, Thelma Gana and Chloe Romulo-Periquet.

The program ended with a jazz number performed by FCCP members Chit Gohu, Kazuko Zenarosa, Carla Santos, Tereret Liboro, Lucille Villanueva, Alice Briones, Nini Layug, Puring Galano, and Nori Ongsiako with her granddaughter Carmen.

Martel conceptualized the theme. She also edited the souvenir program, which featured the painting of Phyllis Zaballero.

Present were Bal and Tessie Endriga, Jimmy Laya, Pepe and Lulu Rodriguez, Finnish Ambassador Raimo Antolla and Piiju Antolla, Singaporean Ambassador Jackie Foo and Yu Mian Su, Ramon and Josie Sy, and Ronnie and Menchu Concepcion.

Martel also celebrated her birthday. With her were Italian Ambassador Umberto Colesanti and Clara Colesanti, Swedish Ambassador Ulf Hakansson and Lena Hakansson, Norwegian Ambassador Paul Moe, and Dutch Ambassador Theo Arnold of the Netherlands and Kessara Arnold.

Also present were Portuguese Ambassador Caetano da Silva and Ulrike da Silva, Mexican Ambassador Enrique Hubbard and Marianna Hubbard, Austrian Ambassador Christian Krepela and Irmgard Krepela, Belgian Ambassador Christian de Tangihe, British Ambassador Paul Dimond and Swiss Ambassador Lise Favre.

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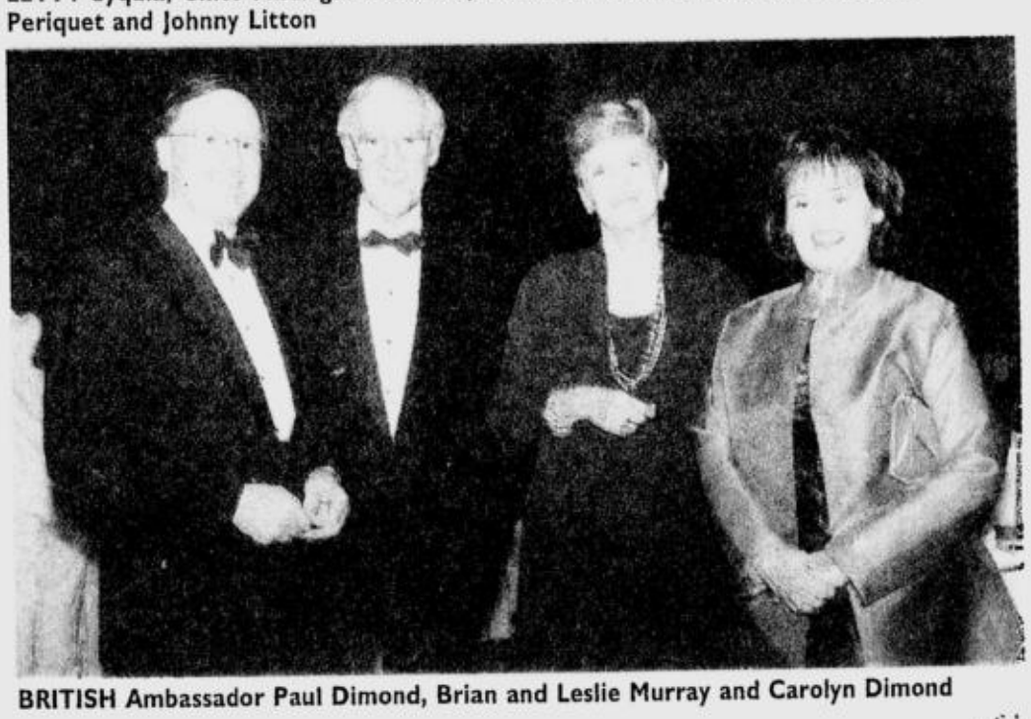

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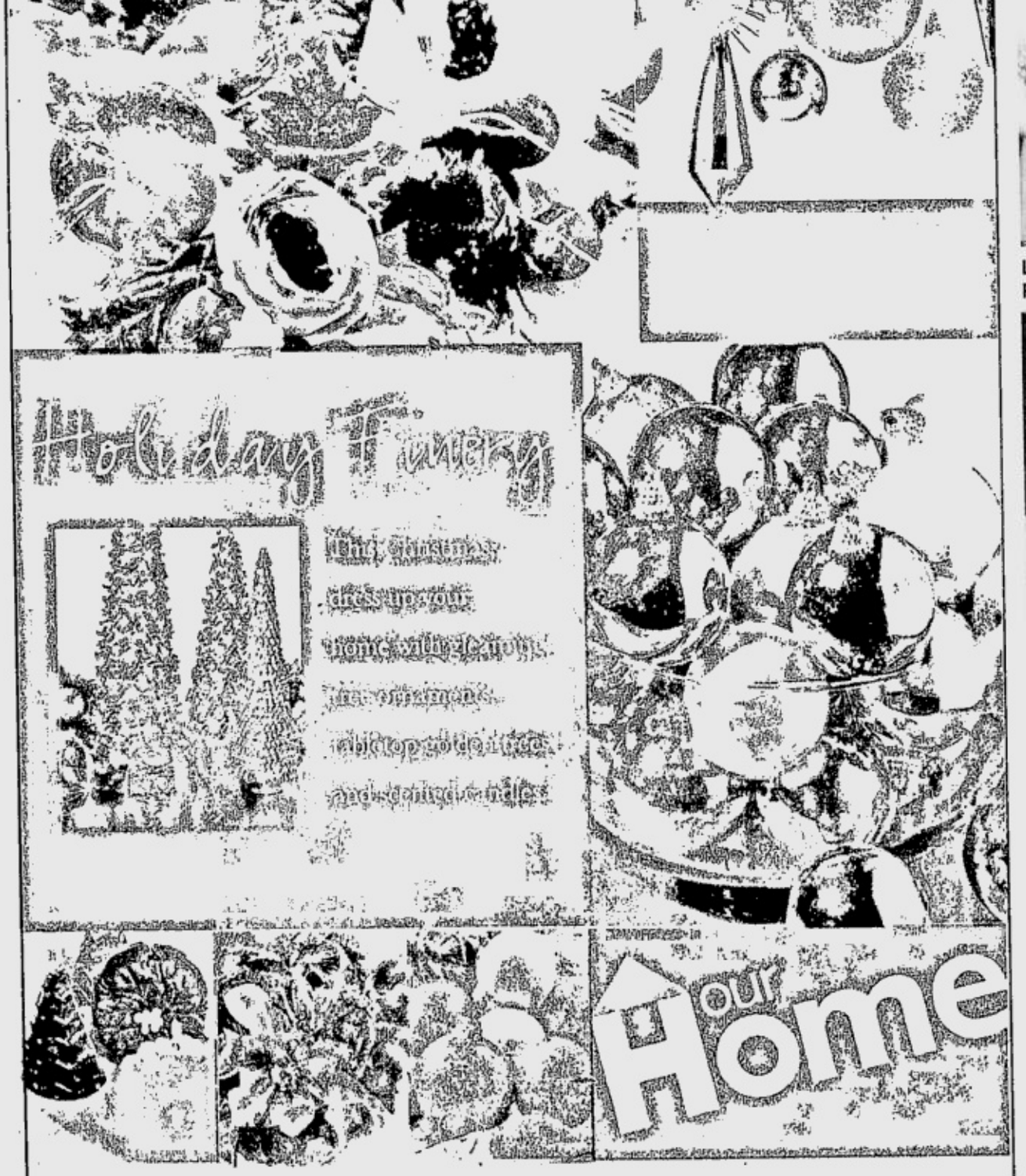

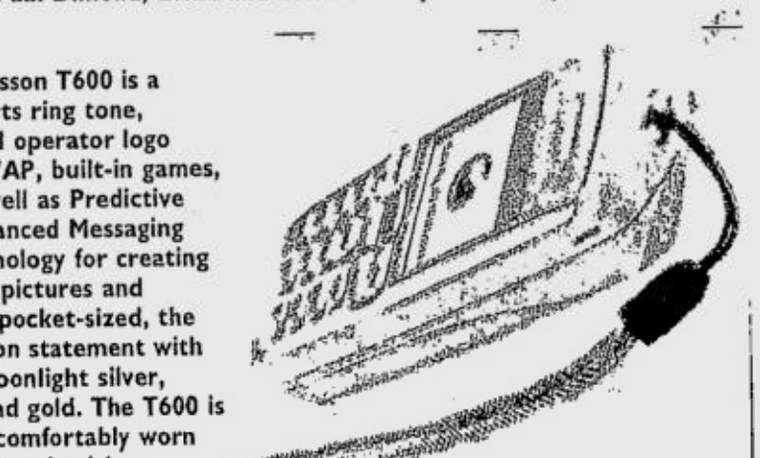

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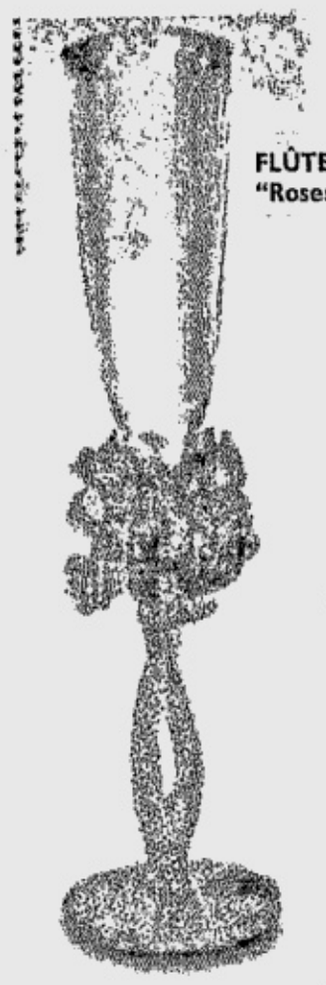

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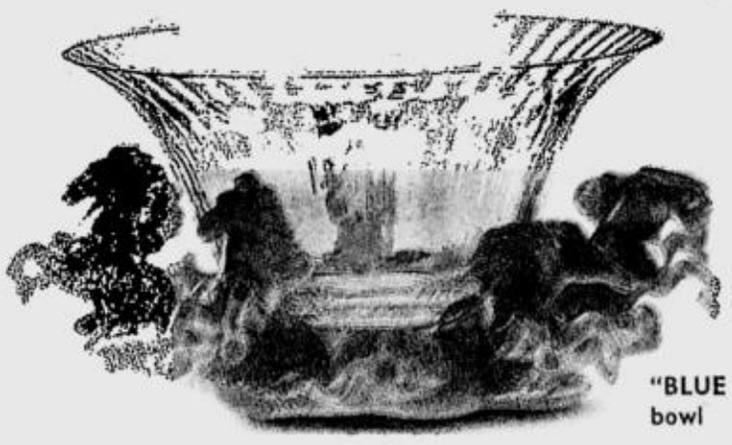

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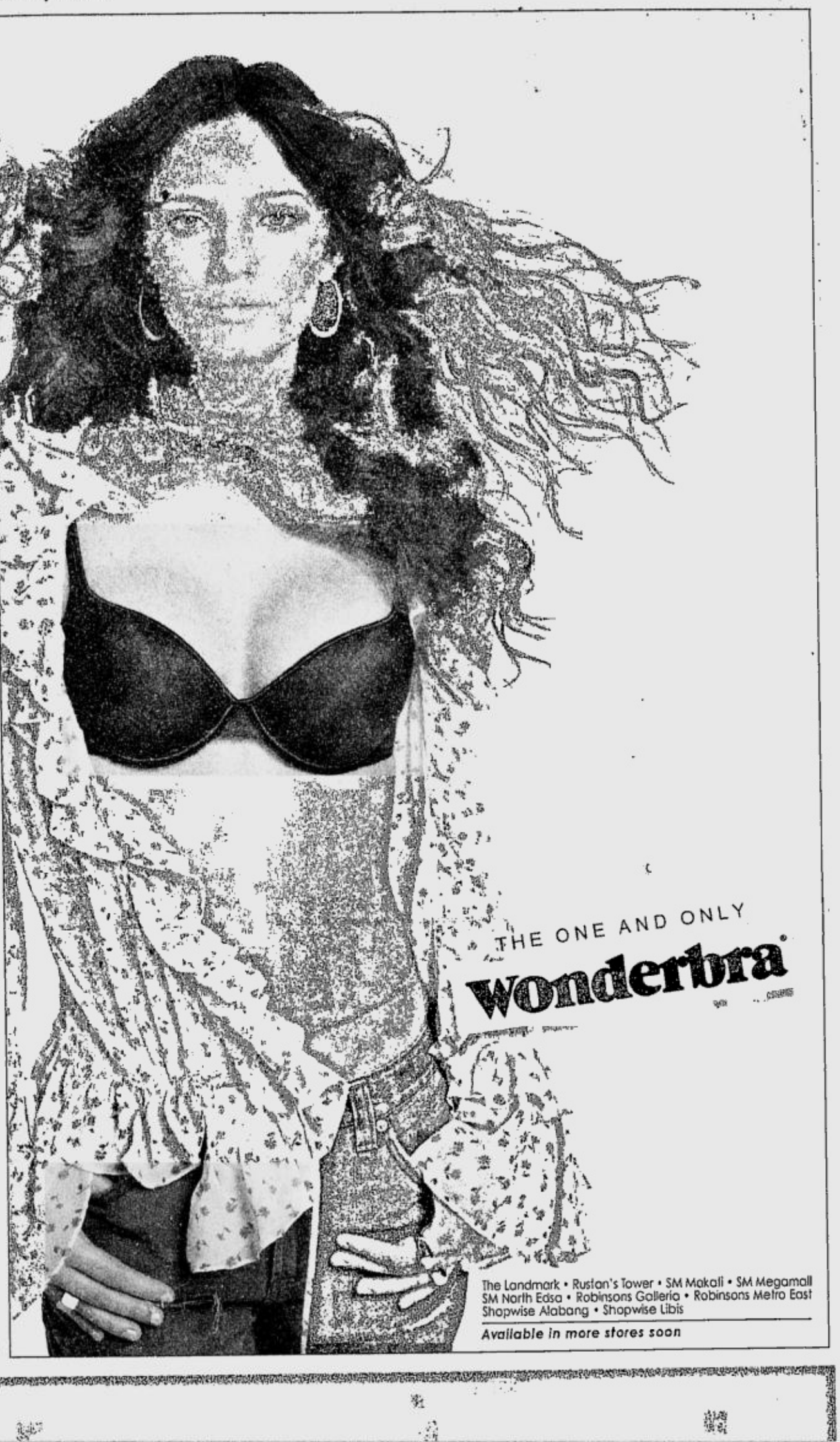

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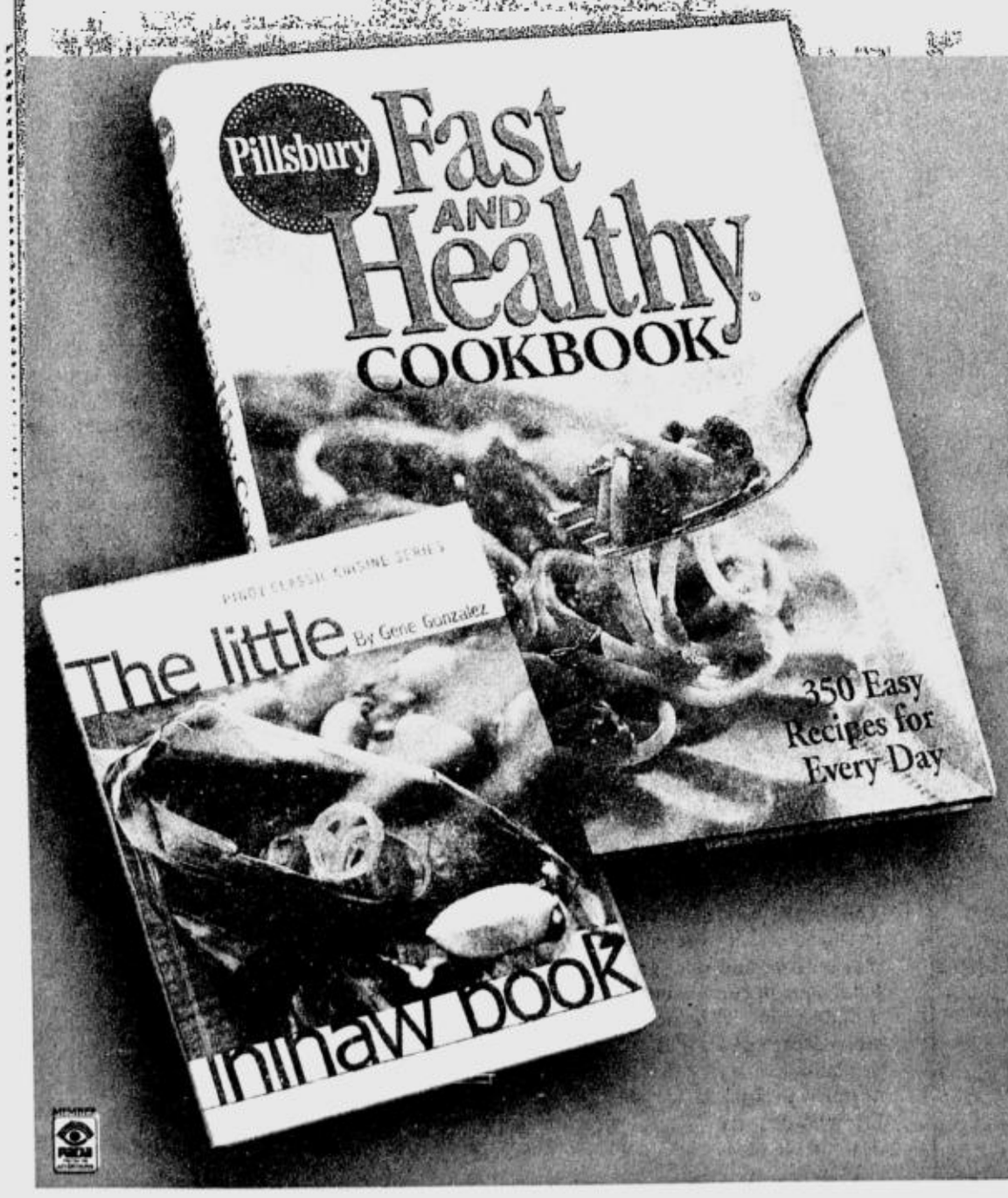

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Why Philippine antiques are most fascinating, unique in Asia

By Liza Rama-Esposo
Contributor

> Our antiques are different from those of the rest of Asia because we are the only Christian country in the region

WHAT makes Philippine antiques so fascinating is that no other Asian country has them. In Asia, it seems the Philippines has a patent on certain relics from the past. And they have enchanting stories to tell, about their origins or accidental creation, among others.

The major reason for the difference between our antiques and those of the rest of Asia is that the Philippines is the only Christian country in the region. Catholicism has produced some of the most sought-after, most wonderful ancient relics venerated and preserved by the faithful.

What has become a craze in the United States is the search for and collection of centuries-old *santos*, particularly those carved from ivory. You don't see these items anywhere in Asia except in Catholic Philippines. American tourists get a kick out of discovering *santos* in Philippine antiques stores selling for a song, compared to their cost in the US.

They are surprised to find the same *santos* they had to buy from Mexico as many do not know that centuries ago the Philippines was colonized by Spain. Spain ruled the Philippines through Mexico because of the distance between Spain and the Philippines, using the route discovered by Ferdinand Magellan who crossed two oceans, the Atlantic and the Pacific. Many of the administrators and priests sent by the Spanish king were Mexicans, including Miguel de Legazpi, who came after Magellan in 1565. It was Mexican Legazpi who actually colonized the Philippines.

Hence, the Philippines and Mexico shared many things: religion, culture, customs from Spain, including the veneration and preservation of religious articles of all kinds.

Another reason for the uniqueness of our antiques is that in the whole continent, it is only the Philippines that has been colonized by Spain, a European country, and of the US—both super-powers when they occupied this country. The Philippines obtained many antique Spanish and American pieces, apart from [illegible] items.

One of the most exciting and delightful art forms found in the Philippines is the Letras y Figuras, an accidental product of the Spanish Governor General Claveria in 1849, a reform-minded Spanish pro-[illegible] Filipinos to have surnames. Before this, Filipinos had only one name: Humabon, Lapu-lapu, Luningning, Tupas, for example.

This created a lot of confusion in the bureaucracy. Identities were blurred; family trees could not be traced. Cousins married cousins. It was hard to tell who paid taxes or who were the criminals.

After the decree, friends would greet each other: "Juana, what is your name now?" The more affluent celebrated their new names by commissioning the best artists to paint their names, which they framed for display in the *salas*. Thus, was born the most unique painting form in the world: Letras y Figuras. To make the work more interesting, painters added something like figures, flowers, sceneries embedded into the letters of the names. While from afar you just see names, closer inspection reveals beautiful art work inside the letters.

There are only 12 Letras y Figuras paintings in existence. Two were discovered recently by researchers of the Department of Foreign Affairs that launched the elaborate coffee-table book "Discovering Philippine Arts in Spain". They were traced in museums in the US, spelling out names of American businessmen in the Philippines. Unfortunately, none of the local museums has a Letras y Figuras. Private collectors don't make available for public display their own precious collections.

Only one antique shop in the country, Unang Panahon Arts and Antiques, has a Letras y Figuras that antique lovers can view upon written request.

Bohol masters

Again, thanks to the religion and traditions from Spain, some of the most enthralling religious paintings are those, now quite rare, done by the so-called "Bohol masters". These were the geniuses with the brush who remained unknown because tradition prescribed that religious paintings should not carry the names of their artists. In a sense, the masters were forbidden to identify themselves. Awed antique aficionados were left wondering who the geniuses were behind the masterpieces in the churches of Bohol.

Luckier were the old masters in Luzon since they painted things other than the religious, like portraits of women and thus properly identified themselves. Best known among these were Antonio Malantic and Jose Lozano. Then came the great Filipino painters who joined the ranks of the best in the world: Juan Luna and Felix Resurreccion. Masterpieces of these 1800 painters are so hard to come by these days. Available are the works of the masters who followed them: Vicente Manansala, Cesar Legaspi, Fernando Zobel, H. R. Ocampo, Zalameda, Fred Alcuaz, among more the outstanding.

Shipwrecks

The Philippine weather contributed to the riches and exclusive nature of our antiques. More shipwrecks occurred in the Philippines than in any part of Asia. Many Spanish and Chinese vessels sank here. The galleon trade that opened Asia to the Western world resulted in an unusually large number of Spanish ships lying at the bottom of Philippine seas. The Chinese, who were the first to engage the country in international trade, also had several vessels at the bottom of the seas. The wrecks account for an undersea treasure of priceless porcelains, jars, plates and other items. Many items are over 500 years old and not available anywhere else in the world.

One of the most sensational finds in the Philippines, consisting of gold ornaments, was made by a bulldozer operator in a government irrigation project in Surigao. He unearthed a whole chest of gold belts, daggers, sashes and other ornaments. The designs and craftsmanship were of such quality that a debate arose: whether the superior work of goldsmithing was done by Filipinos or by specialists in the Arab world. Those who picked Filipino goldsmiths cited the fact that even Magellan's "PR," Antonio Pigafetta, wrote about the gold mines of Agusan. In 1521, Agusan and Surigao were already famous as gold rush areas. So rich was the treasure in these places that they drew the best goldsmiths even from neighboring countries.

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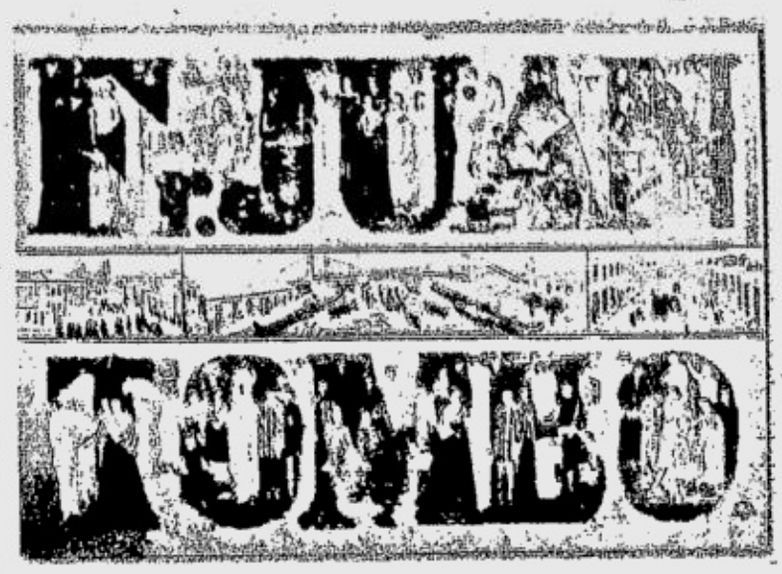
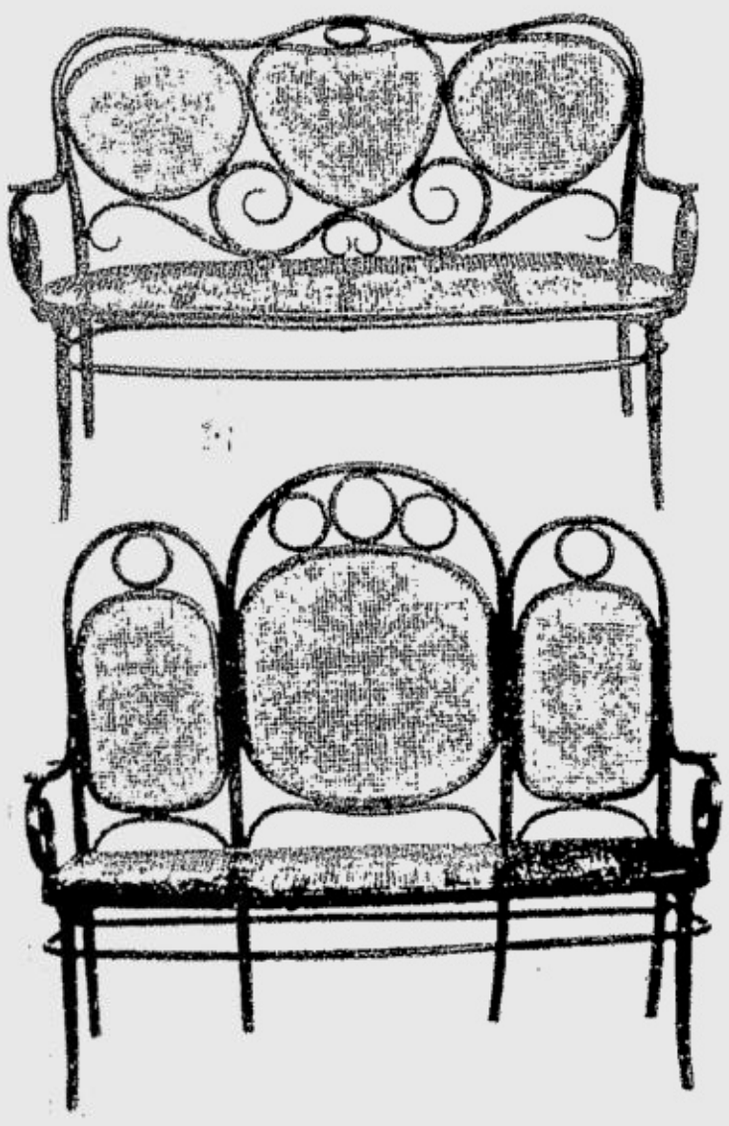


A LETRAS y Figuras painting discovered recently in Spain by the Department of Foreign Affairs



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Why Philippine antiques are most fascinating, unique in Asia

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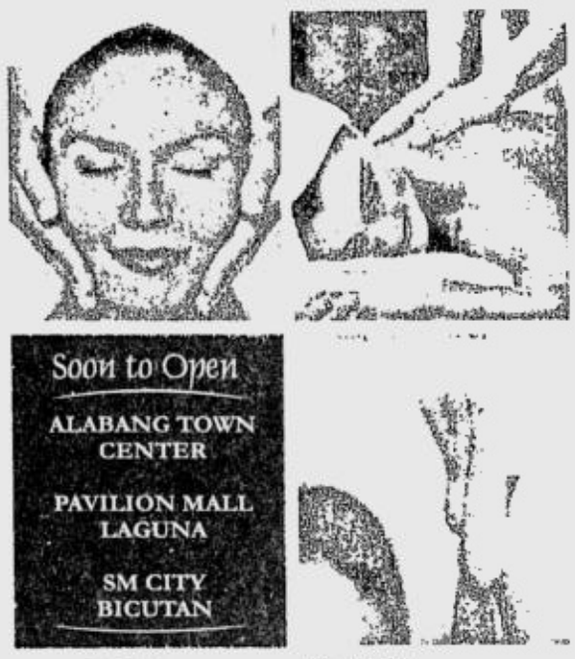
AUTHOR Liza Rama Esposo, who has one of the oldest antique shops in the country

The amazing artworks found in the irrigation field—belts, daggers and scabbards are preserved in some museums, particularly at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. One of the more sensational belts is in the Locsin Museum, which is supplied by Unang Panahon Arts and Antiques. Modern geologists have found gold faults starting from Diwalwal in Davao and stretching in one line to Surigao, Agusan, Cebu, Bohol, the Bicol region and then to the Mountain Province, where gold mining has been big business all these years.

Not surprisingly, many of the most valuable antiques in the Philippines are gold bracelets, earrings, necklaces, beads and other ornaments excavated from prehistoric graves, thanks to the old customs of the Filipinos and Chinese to bury ornaments and precious belongings, including plates, jarlets and vases with their dead believing the stuff would be needed in the journey to the next world.

The author is owner of one of the oldest antique shops, Unang Panahon Arts and Antiques at SM Megamall, which is now celebrating its 30th anniversary. She has done extensive research on Philippine antiques.



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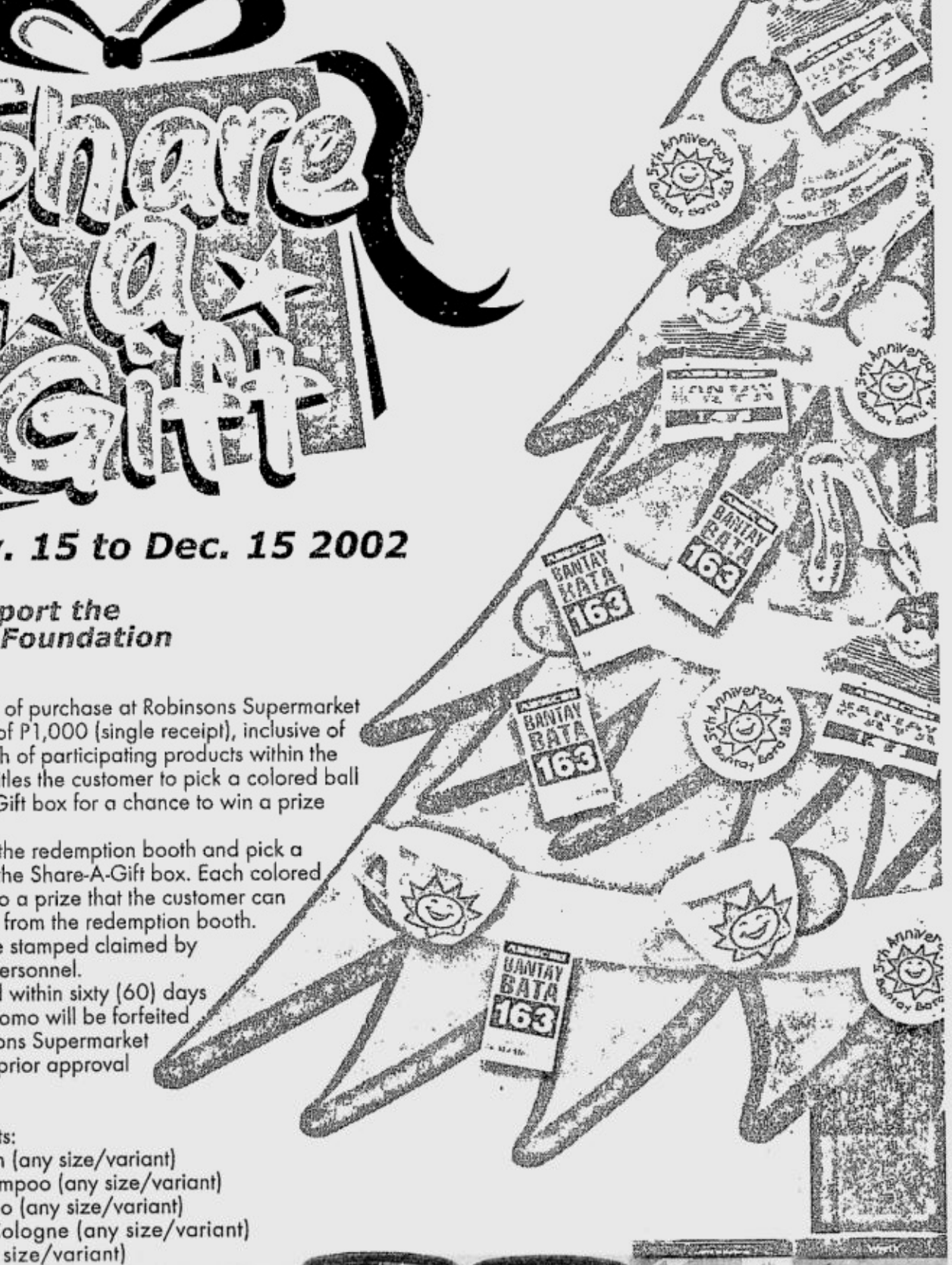

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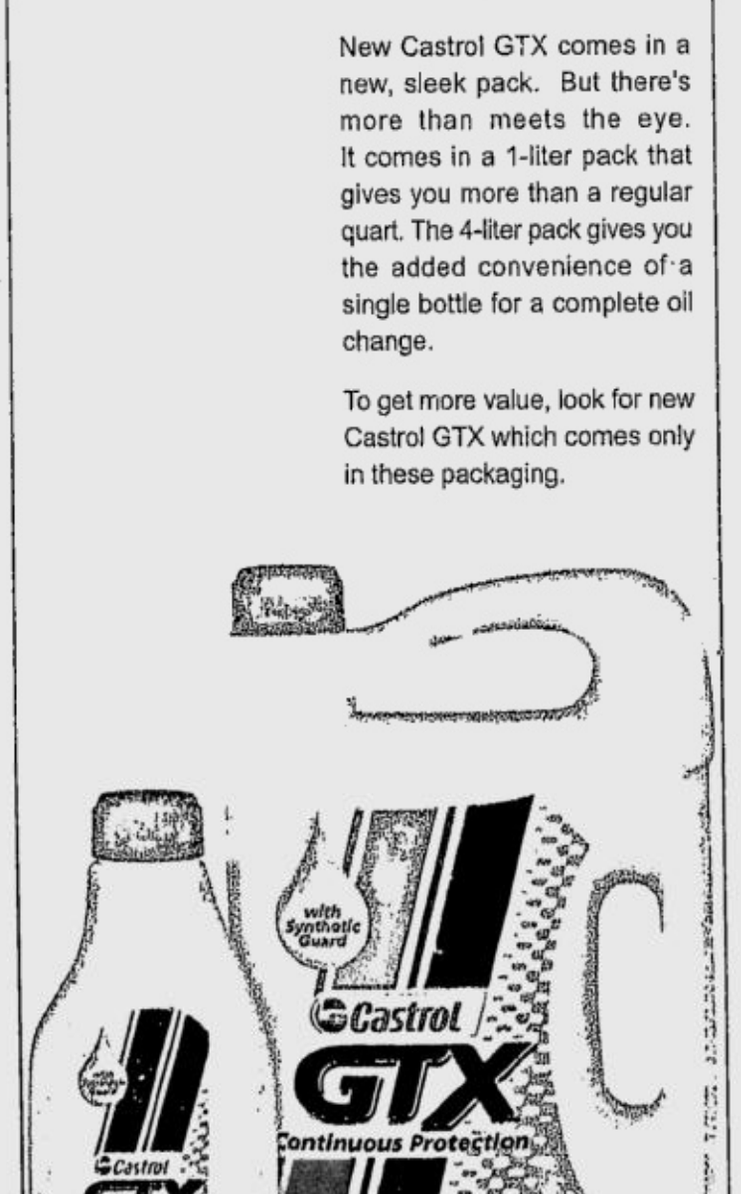

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A first at SM Cagayan de Oro Supermarket's "Fresh" section is its freshly-made peanut butter. Peanuts (which Cagayan de Oro is famous for) are ground right in front of the customer and in a matter of minutes, the customer gets rich and creamy peanut butter – fresh!

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There's more fun in store with SM Supermarket's "Value Collections" promo where customers earn points with every P100 purchase and get the chance to avail of up to 50% off on Tupperware items.

Complementing the shopping experience is the store's new and contemporary look. A play on light colors (citrus yellow, salmon pink, light blue, and lime green), the supermarket's bright and colorful interiors together with its knowledgeable staff and customer-friendly layout complete shopping experience.

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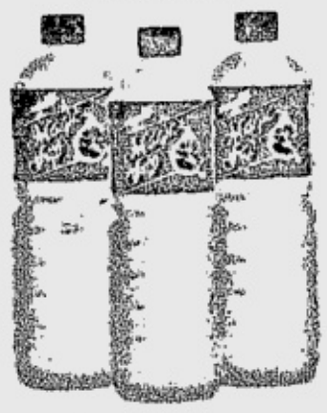

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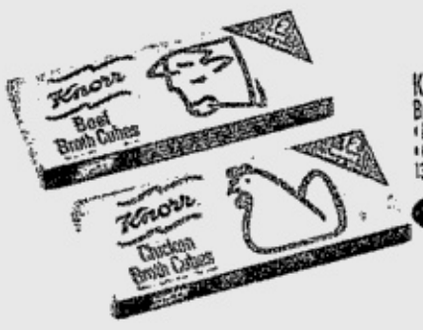

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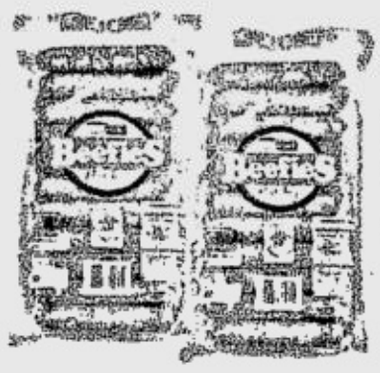

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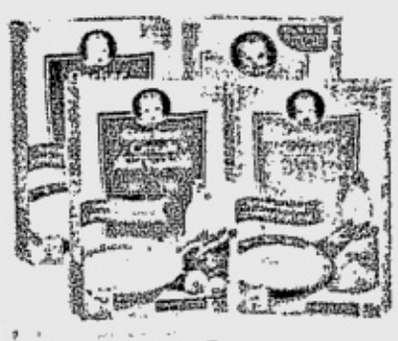

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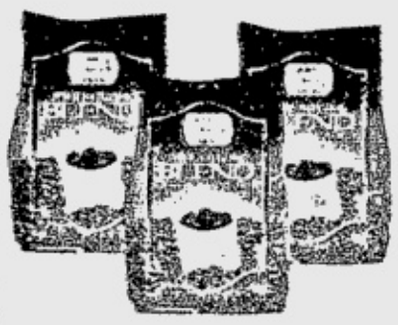

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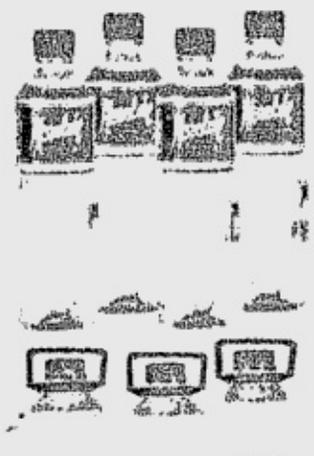

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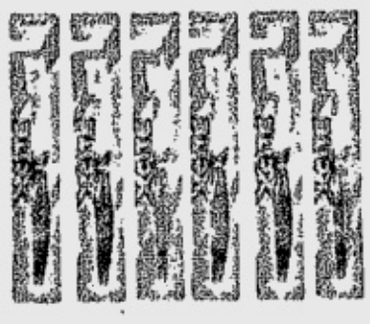

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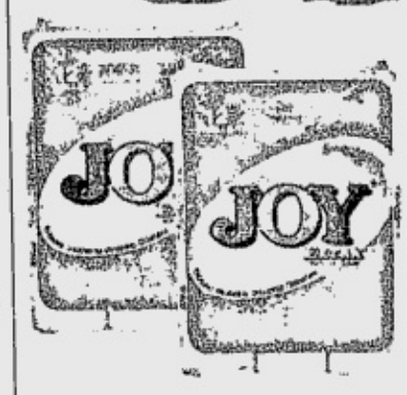

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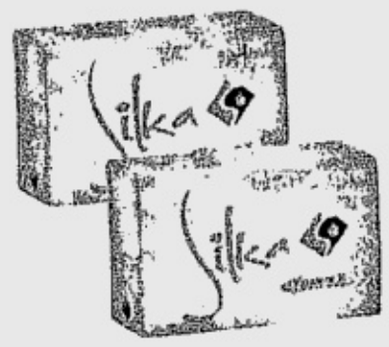

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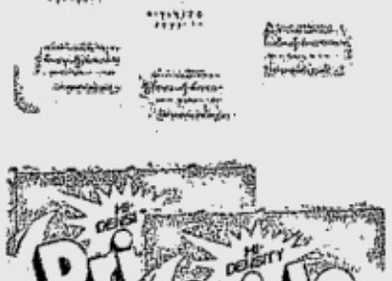

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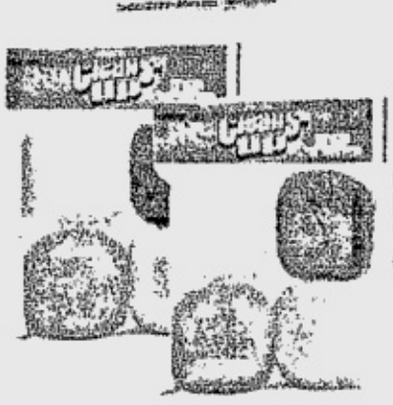

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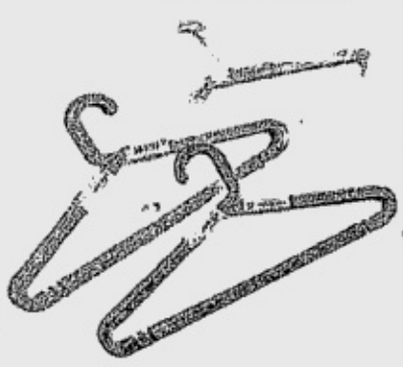

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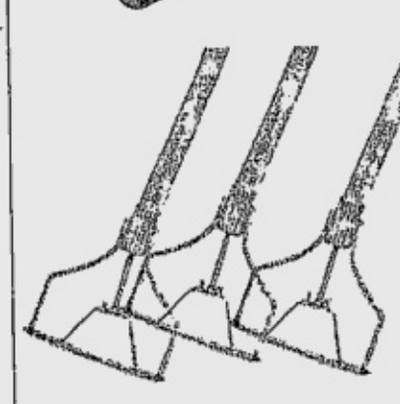

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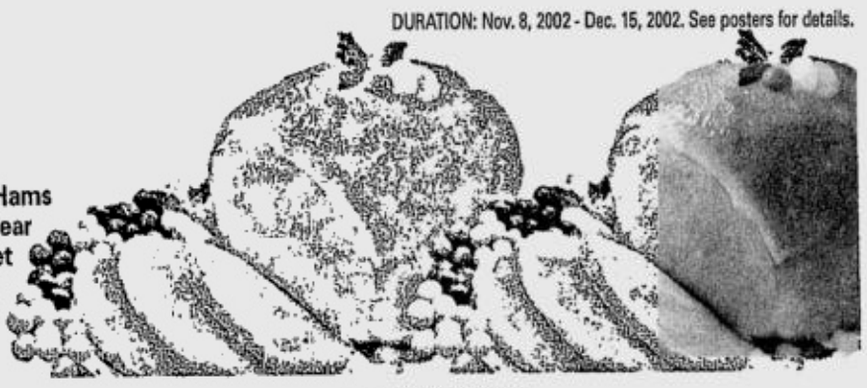

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FOR A COUNTRY derided for being the sick man of Asia, we sure dine out a lot.

The battle for our palate and purse is on, and it's fiercer like never before. Restos, fast foods, bars, bars and grilles, coffee places are popping up everywhere, not only by the dozens but by the malls. Never have the options been as wide, if not bewildering, for us diners, and these are supposedly hard times, and next year will be harder still.

Lifestyle sections never had a wider ground to cover at a brisk pace. There aren't enough food/dining pages to break the news of new culinary or dining attractions coming up every week. At a lunch, a culture icon advised an editor to compose a group of foodies or adventurous diners who can take turns reporting on the resto scene, because one writer or columnist is not enough to cover the range and depth of the foodscape satisfactorily, if not authoritatively. Only a collective sense of adventure and hunger can do justice to a scene that's bursting at the seams.

However, last week over a just-at-home dinner of take-out pizza and red wine, a banker griped that somehow, in this resto boom, he's missing something no matter how often he dines out. Asked what, he told our group, "Expertise."

Pressed to elaborate, he was hard put to produce the right words, like bankers typically are—they don't waste time with such trivial things as words; they expect you to read their minds, not only their numbers. But I think I knew what he meant—precisely that, expertise. Culinary expertise—the art of cooking value-for-money food that not only fills you

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up but more so, makes dining an experience to relish and remember.

"These days you come away feeling not satisfied, something lacking somehow," he told us. Some of us listening to him attentively might have thought of exceptions but on the whole, I felt the group trusted his judgment. We know him to be a gourmet who's seen dining places come and go over the past decades, and to whom dining out has not been a banker's task of entertaining but always, a journey and discovery.

"And," he added, "you try to look for the difference. There's hardly any. You hop from one to another [in a mall] and one's no different from the other, even the design formula."

What we presumed he meant was that though the type of cuisine may vary, the standards of taste are stuck on the same plateau—trying to be cost-efficient in the ingredients but still pretending to keep the flavors and layers of taste which, of course, in his mind, simply wouldn't work. Then he and a woman in our group singled out a Japanese resto they both felt has maintained its standards and generally has not disappointed its loyal patrons. Then their minds—and palates—wandered to New York, where they say dining remains an adventure for the city has old reliables they can keep coming back to and new offerings to discover. It helps, they said, that New Yorkers consider their resto ratings guide as a bible—an update-able evaluation of a resto's performance.

He wasn't comparing Metro Manila to New York. You cannot even compare Manila to Hong Kong, not by a long stretch; it's not fair. But still we understand his frustration.

The Filipino's growing habit of dining out—and the food business it sired—has become one of the vivid indicators of Pinoy lifestyle in the last three decades. I don't mean only the fast foods, but the range of specialty restaurants as well, some following time-tested formula, a few blazing a trail and attempting bold innovations. The culinary field is where many young Filipino talents are drawn to these days. Like I said, time was when many youngsters wanted to be fashion designers; today many want to be chefs. Culinary wizardry is the latest chic challenge among the young ones.

The battle for our palate and purse is on, fiercer like never before. But first, some gripes.

"That's just the problem," the banker said, "they take courses at CIA (Culinary Institute of America) and they come home feeling they can open and operate a restaurant."

Harsh verdict. But you can't blame the guy; he's tired of dining in the old places and keeps on getting disappointed with the new ones.

I'm not a foodie and certainly, am not as exacting and meticulous when it comes to food as this banker and his sophisticated friends. Food has never been as much an interest to me as fashion is.

However, dining interests me in as far as it indicates lifestyle trends. And I've noted some factors responsible for this banker's frustrations, why the resto boom or quantity has not necessarily yielded a corresponding quality.

Foremost of these, I think, is that many people mistake their entrepreneurial ability for culinary expertise. They think the former can buy the latter—overnight. The scene is bursting with entrepreneurs, but sorely lacking in culinary experts. They know the market is there and keeps on growing, and they want to grab it. They hardly have the time and the diligence to evolve a menu they can specialize in, maintain, but more important, can upgrade and innovate on so that they excite even their regular diners no end. The pizza formula works, so you open a pizzeria. If the formula succeeds with one entrepreneur, then it could be a gold mine for them, too—their thinking goes. Besides, there's the mall rent to cope with.

Second, ambiance is the investment. Ever since entrepreneurs—and diners—discovered that there's such a thing as ambiance, many restos have become long on style and short on food. Today's scene has the cookie-cutter design, one different from another only superficially.

I have a bone to pick in this area. The major investment in design has sacrificed function, specifically the exhaust system. Almost always, I leave the restaurant smelling of the cuisine I just had. In the mall especially, I bet that if you stand on a corner, you can tell which resto a passerby has just come from—just by catching a whiff of him or her. When the bomb scare fizzles out, perhaps the sniff dogs can be put to use this way, if only to validate how bad the exhaust system is in today's restos.

A twin to this issue is the noise pollution. Given the noise level in today's restos, you have to be a lip reader to carry on a conversation. This is not limited to bars. Ever since the restaurants did away with curtains, tablecloths and other sound absorbers—thanks to the cookie-cutter design syndrome—the noise has become unbearable. No wonder girls are investing more on their makeup and concealers than on their minds, because it's the concealer (okay, the Wonder Bra also) that's bound to keep their date's attention, more than what they say.

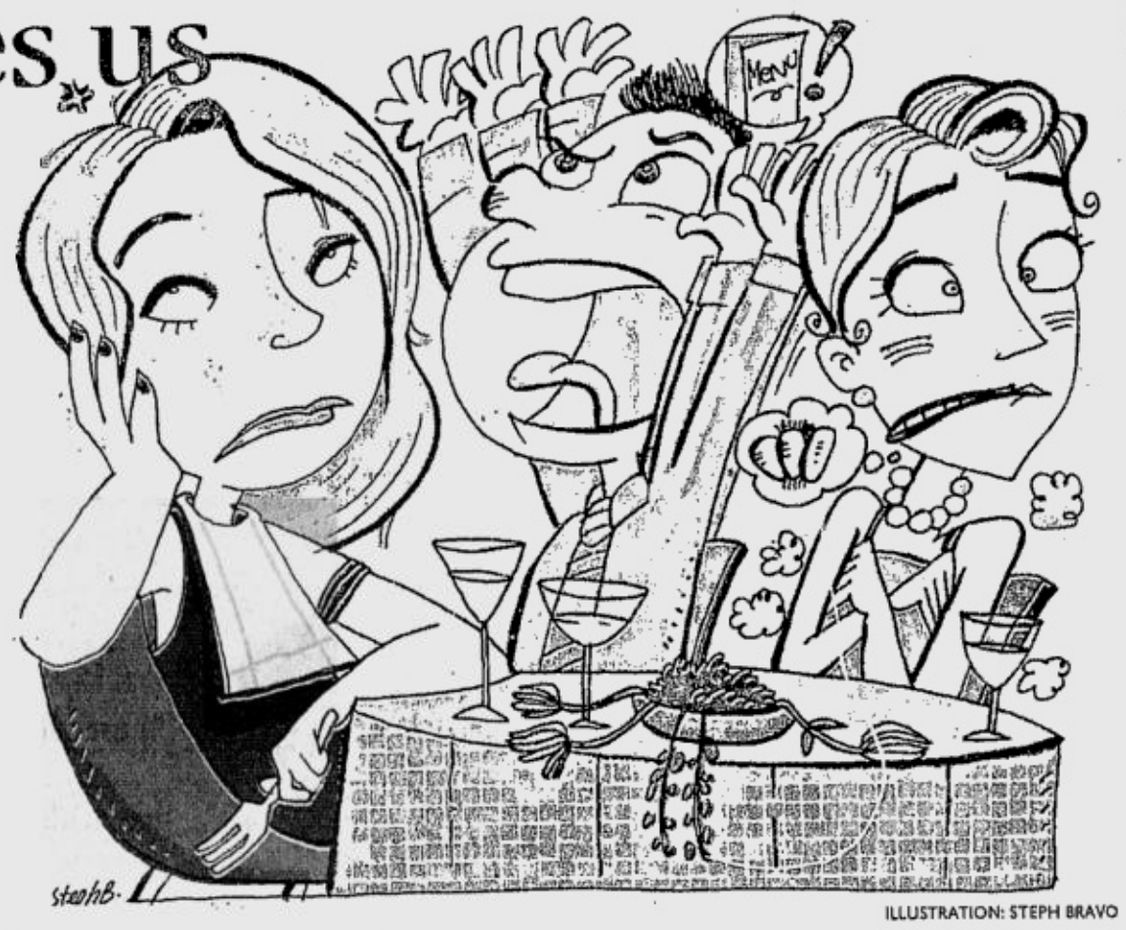
You get the message—the restos want you to gulp down your food, then leave, so they can do more covers for the night. Good lingering conversation is bad for business.

While we're at it, there's the service. Today's restos may have put on chic (or shabby chic), but the service is far from being cosmopolitan or polished. It's not rude—Filipinos by nature are gracious—but it's unseasoned. Since the resto business went on the fast lane, you wonder how thorough and professional the training of the service staff has been.

For instance, they're not trained to maintain eye contact with the diners. You must do great pantomime just to catch their attention. It's worse when your top blends with the wall color.

The resto boom is fine; it lets you believe that perhaps people aren't as broke as you think. But it would even be better if the resto kings and queens out there go back to basics. And that means food.

As a dining colleague loves to say—"Food, not poison."



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Winona's Natori

I read in People that among the goodies **Winona Ryder** stashed away was a Natori evening bag. Exquisite shoplifter's taste. **Josie Natori** is going full blast with her high-end evening bag line that combines Oriental craftsmanship and rich design with modern sleek lines. We saw her prototypes in her New York headquarters more than a year ago; they're perfect examples of chic exotica. Josie scours the globe for craftsmen, especially beaders and embroiderers, from the Philippines to India.

Tonichi Nocum and a group of designers are in Shanghai to represent Philippine fashion design.

Dr. **Vicky Belo** is just back from a liposuction convention in Colorado. The latest? Laser to make lipo bearable. Dr. Belo was describing to us over dinner to what lengths some women would go to win the war against cellulite. In Brazil, for instance, women will bear the pain of having needles stuck into their bodies—just to get rid of the orange peel. Dr. Belo is not doing that here. (Missed my chance to do a headcount of the masochist population in the country.)

My good friend **Maribel Espino** has been spending more time in the country now, rather than shuttling between here and San Francisco, for a good reason: she's opened her own aromatherapy line at Rustan's Essences. It's not so well known that Maribel, whose college background is interior design, has been an aromatherapist for 15 years now. She trained in the US, and has traveled all over in search of her oils. The beauty of it is that she uses her oils and concoctions in her daily lifestyle—from how to induce sound sleep to how to cure allergies. Her concoctions are now on the shelf, under the label Fleur Essence.

Our condolence to **Marge Enriquez,** who lost her dad **Monitor** last week. He was 74. Marge said that instead of grieving, she drew a lot of insights from losing a loved one. "There's no difference between birth and death," she told me. Don't expect me to explain. Just read her later.

The New Voice Company production of "The Vagina Monologues" will have the final weekend run (Nov. 15, 16, 9 p.m., Music Museum) of the English version before the Filipino version runs for two weeks.

This run has celebrated actresses **Angel Aquino, Belinda Panelo** and **Sheila Francisco.** NVC associate artistic director **Andrew Vergara** directs.

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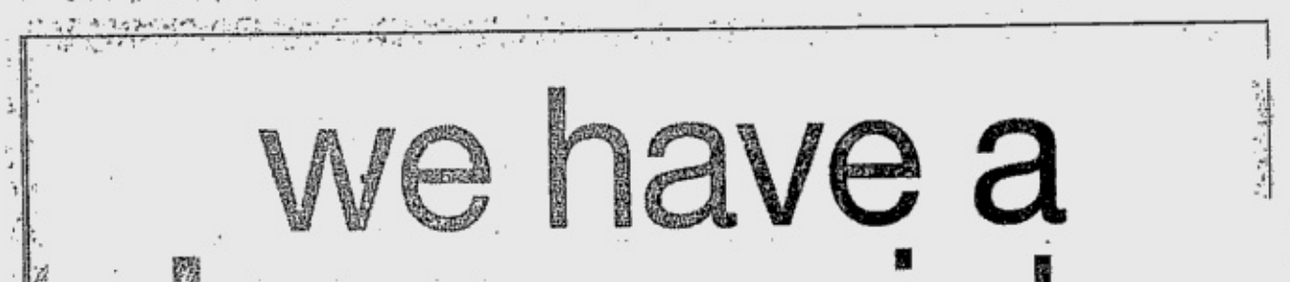

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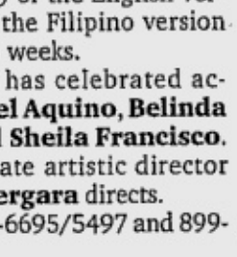
Reader offers advice to Lonely Girl

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce



DEAR Tita Dulce,

I would like to offer an advice to the 22-year-old girl who is looking for something to fill the void in her life. She thinks it can only be found from a special someone. Maybe the state of the marriage of her parents has a tremendous effect on her.

First of all, pray a lot, pray sincerely every day—before and after each day ends. Prayer is the foundation of our strength. It gives us the courage to face and conquer the monster within us. Second, look for a spiritual director, a priest or a nun. Do not be shy or afraid to approach them. They are always willing to listen. Third, try to see yourself as a new person. Forget about your old self and always say to yourself that you are full of confidence and you love yourself. Fourth, do not be complacent.

I would like to share something guys my age would think about women who would like to be with us for the sake of satisfying their loneliness: It is very dangerous. You might get lucky and find someone who will really care, but in reality there is a bigger chance that men will take advantage of you. They would think twice about taking advantage of you if you value yourself a lot. It is your amulet to ward them off. Place your trust and confidence in God for He is always willing to help and be your constant companion. You may say that you need someone, but no matter what you do, the void that you are trying to fill up will always be there. Turn to God, and do it now. You may be in the dark, but to get yourself out of it, ask for Divine Guidance. He will always be there with you.

You may e-mail selinr@hotmail.com and I will refer you to my friends who I think you can go to. Best wishes.

ARIEL

Thank you for giving advice to Lonely Girl. My postscript: More things are wrought by prayer. Also, she—and all of us—should turn to our guardian angels and favorite saints.

THIS is about a guy I met three years ago. He was nice and we soon became good friends. Our friends usually mistook us for lovers. As time went by, I realized I was falling for him. I don't know if it was stupidity, but I told him how I felt for him. In return, he told me that he wants us to be more than just friends, but he is not ready to have a steady relationship yet. So we agreed to remain good friends till we are certain about how we feel for each other. But lately, he has not kept in touch. When I asked him why, he said that he was seeing someone. I was shocked, and I felt very, very bad. I felt I was fooled. He should not have said or promised anything to me. As of now, I do not communicate with him, though I admit that I miss him terribly. Please tell me if staying away is the best thing that I could do.

MISTY

As I see it, when he suggested that you remain good friends for the meantime, he made no promise to eventually upgrade your relationship to being lovers. Looking back, all that might have only been his gentle way of turning you down.

We could say he would have been kinder if, as soon as he decided to see another girl, he informed you. But that would only let you know of where you stand in his heart.

So, just take it as it is: You loved and lost. Give your heart time to heal. And if you feel like staying away from him, do so. Often the heart heals faster when it's far from the man who wounded it.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City

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And women, they live to shop, don't they? Precious and semi-precious jewelry are available. There would also be linen, sheets and curtain materials.

Of course, both men and women will certainly take pleasure in going through the wide selection of fine merchandise like books, musical instruments, and stationery items.

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If you don't have a Metrobank Credit Card, you can still shop till you drop by just purchasing a Metrobank prepaid card at booths located at the bazaar venue. Just load up your Metrobank prepaid cards for more shopping sprees.

The Metrobank Credit Cards Christmas Shopping City will be held at Le Pavillon at the Metropolitan Park, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Le Pavillon is a 1,500-square meter air-conditioned tent made of imported tarpaulin with an enclosed area capacity of more than a thousand people. The surrounding area provides ample parking spaces.

The Christmas Shopping City will be open from Nov. 15 to 17. Shopping hours will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. ***Joel V. Nigos***

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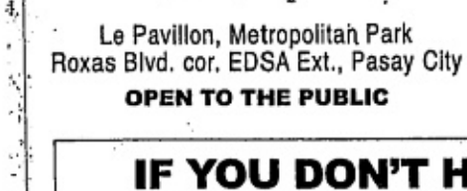

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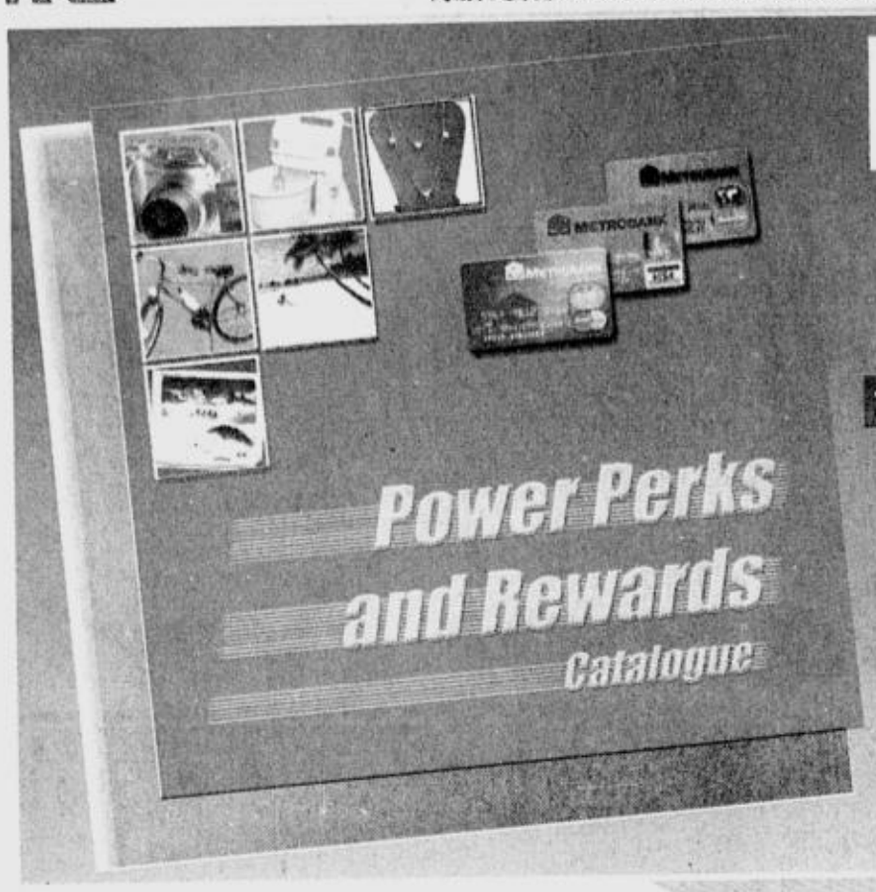

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With the Power Perks and Rewards catalogue, cardholders can redeem home appliances, travel packages, tools and gadgets, toys and a whole lot more. Cardholders can still opt to redeem gift certificates, which give them the flexibility to shop from over 30 department stores, appliance outlets and specialty shops or avail of services from leading hotels and spas.

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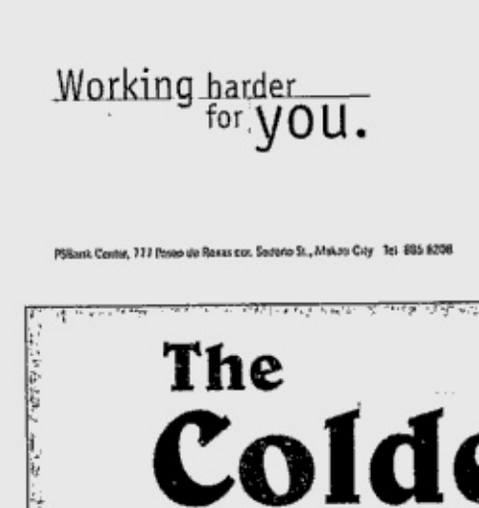

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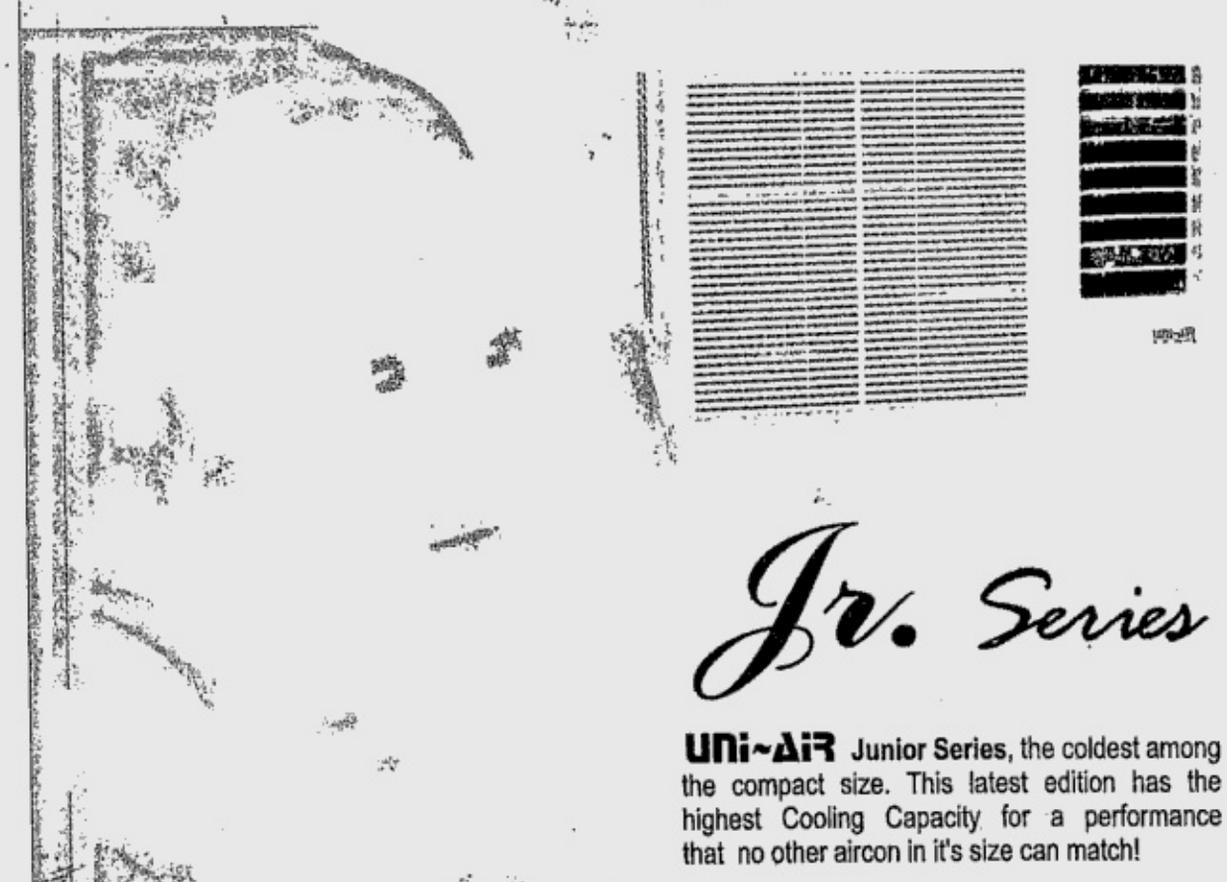

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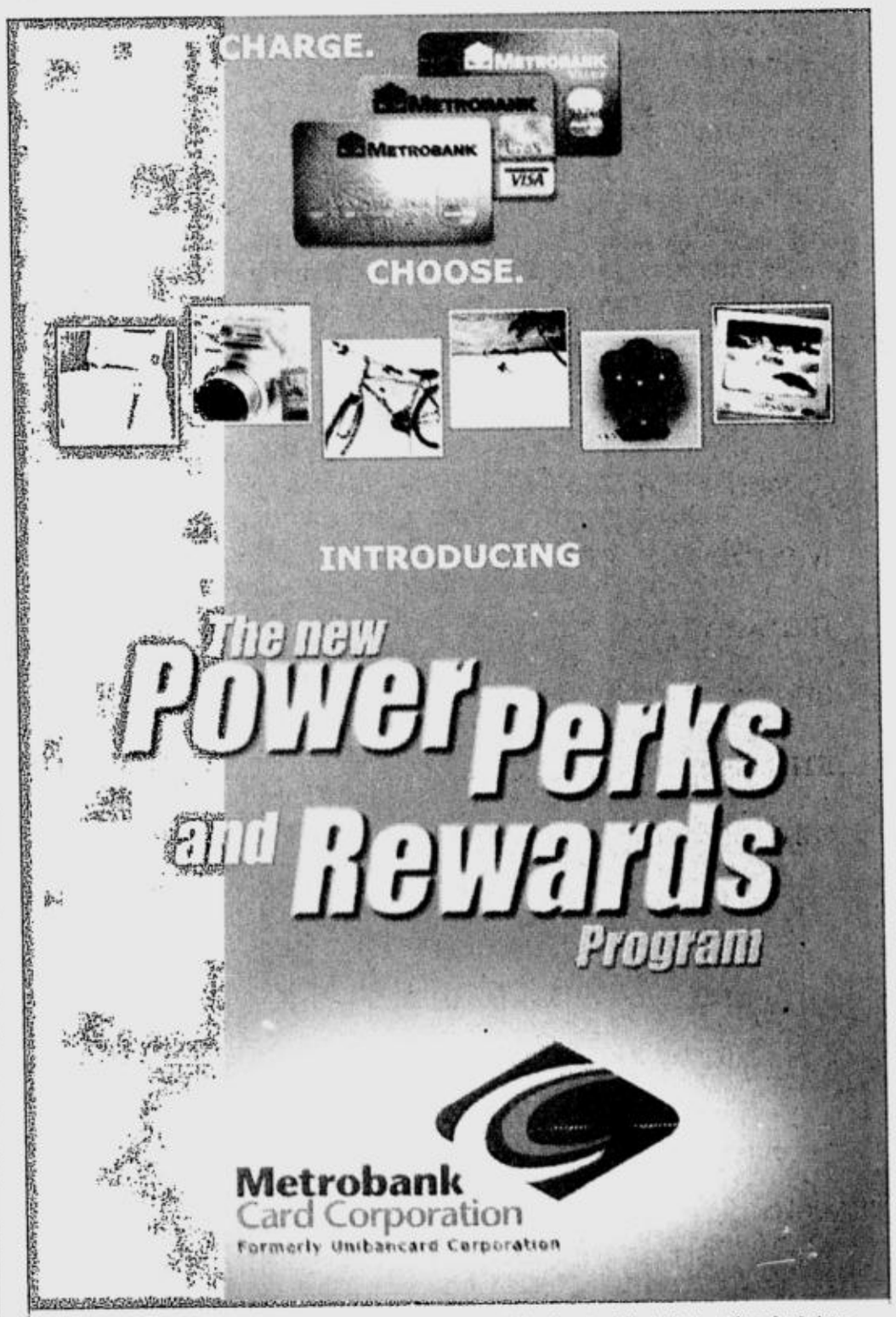

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Metrobank Card Corporation

Metrobank Card Corp has a new home

THE METROBANK Card Corp. head office has a new home. Just recently, it transferred to the second floor of GT Tower International, which is located at the corner of Ayala Avenue and H.V. dela Costa Street, Salcedo Village in Makati

The Credit and Collection divisions of Metrobank Card Corp., however, continue to be located at the old address at the 17th floor of PSBank Towers along Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, also in Makati City.

This development comes in the heels of Metrobank Card Corp.'s intention and thrust to strengthen its presence in the credit card brand.

Formerly known as Unibancard Corp., its credit card brand Unicard is currently being converted to Metrobank MasterCard. This corporate and brand name change aims to highlight the company's relationship to Metrobank, its parent company.

The move is expected to boost the Metrobank Card's marketing campaigns and the brand's standing in the highly competitive card market.

For more inquiries, please call Metrobank Card Corp.'s new trunkline at 8-700-900 or 8-700-700 for customer service.

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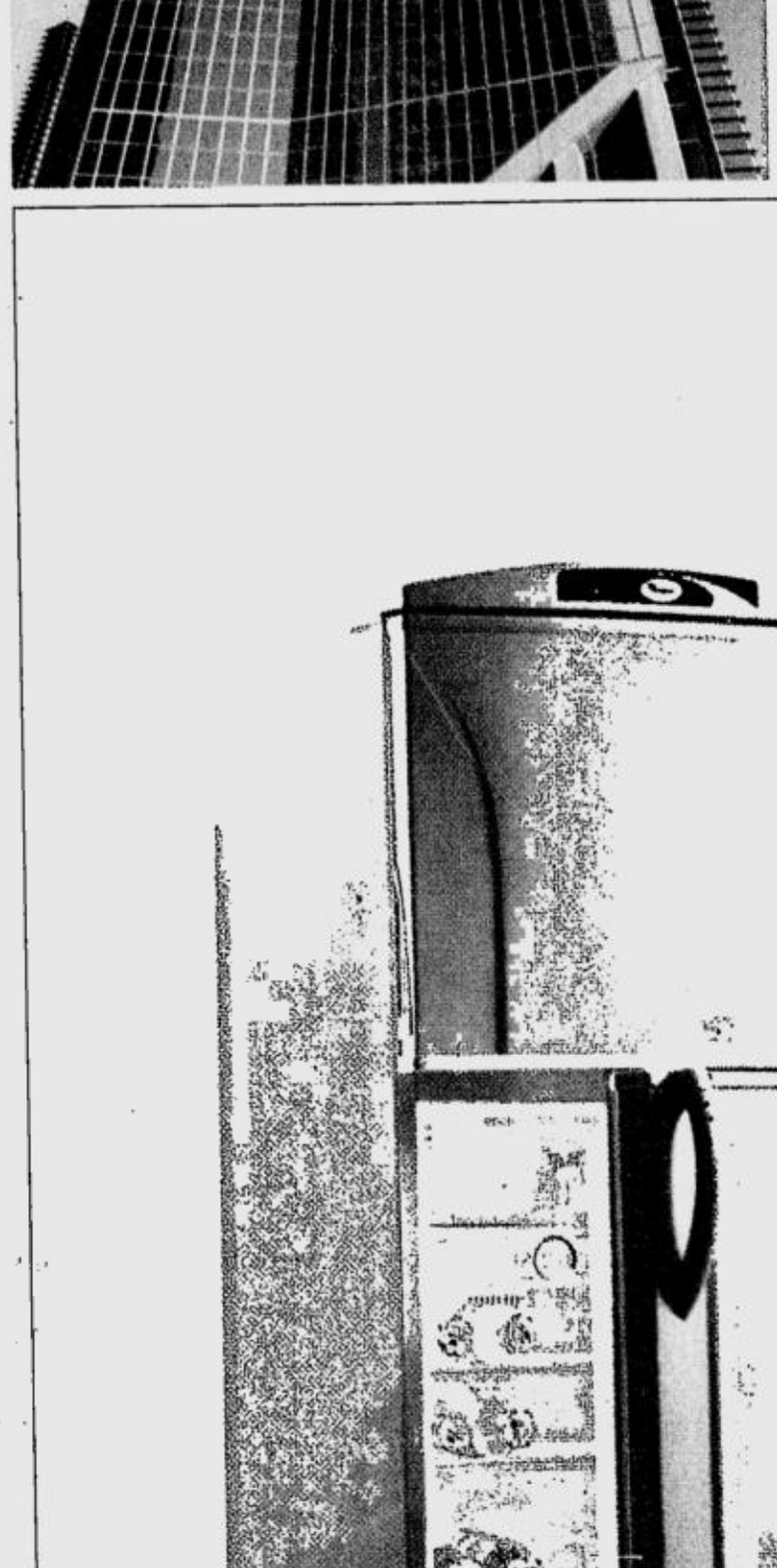

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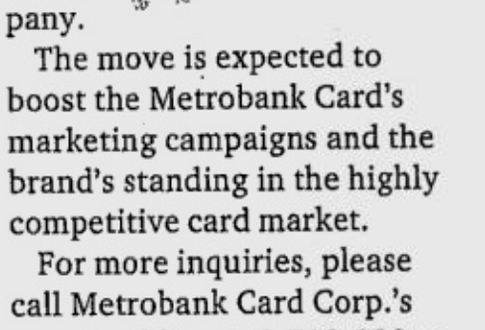

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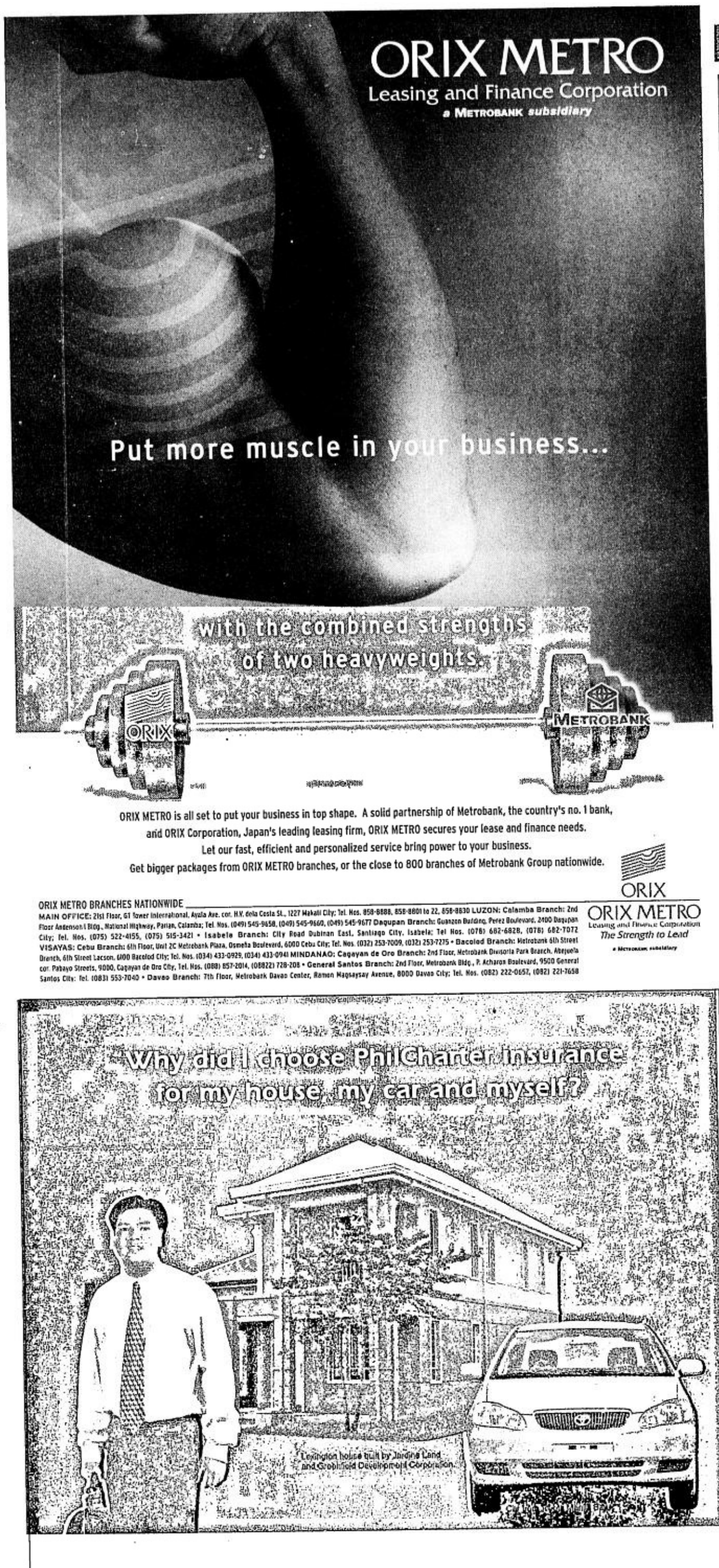

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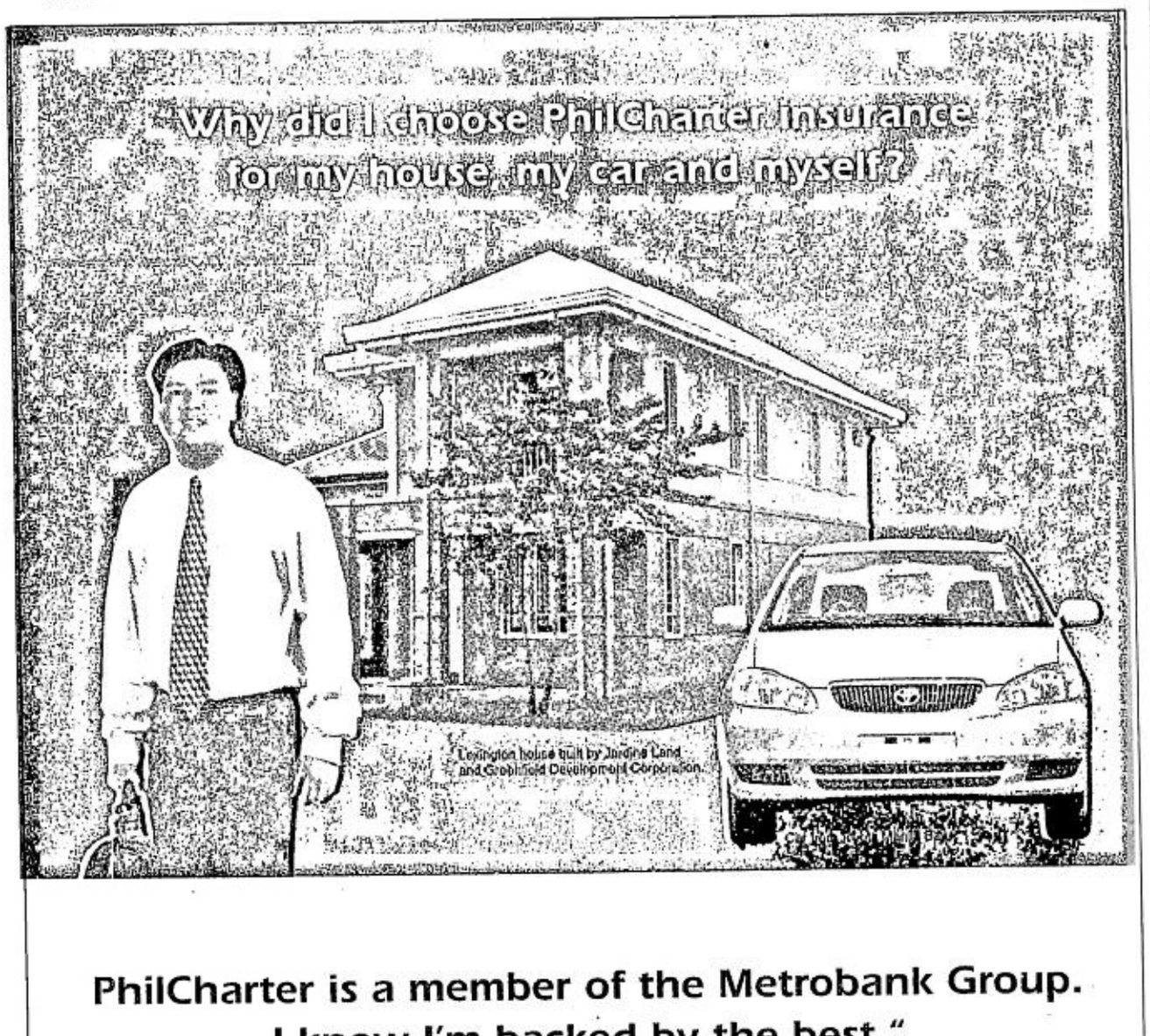

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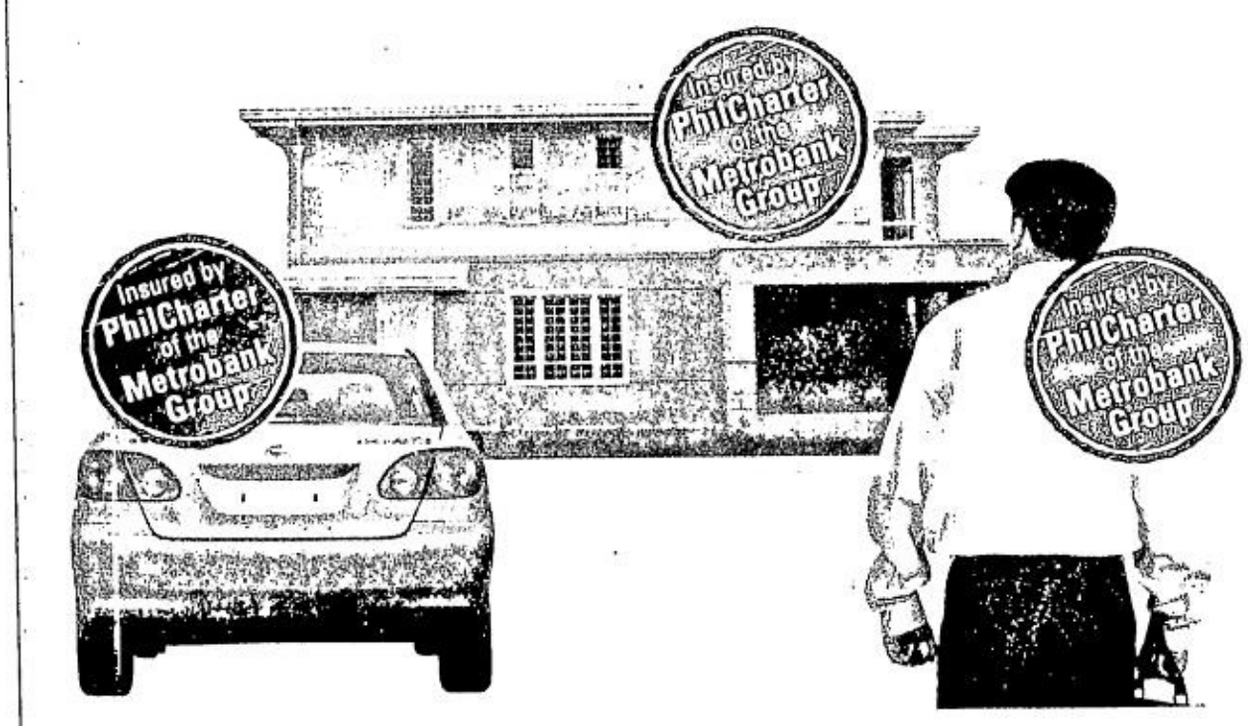

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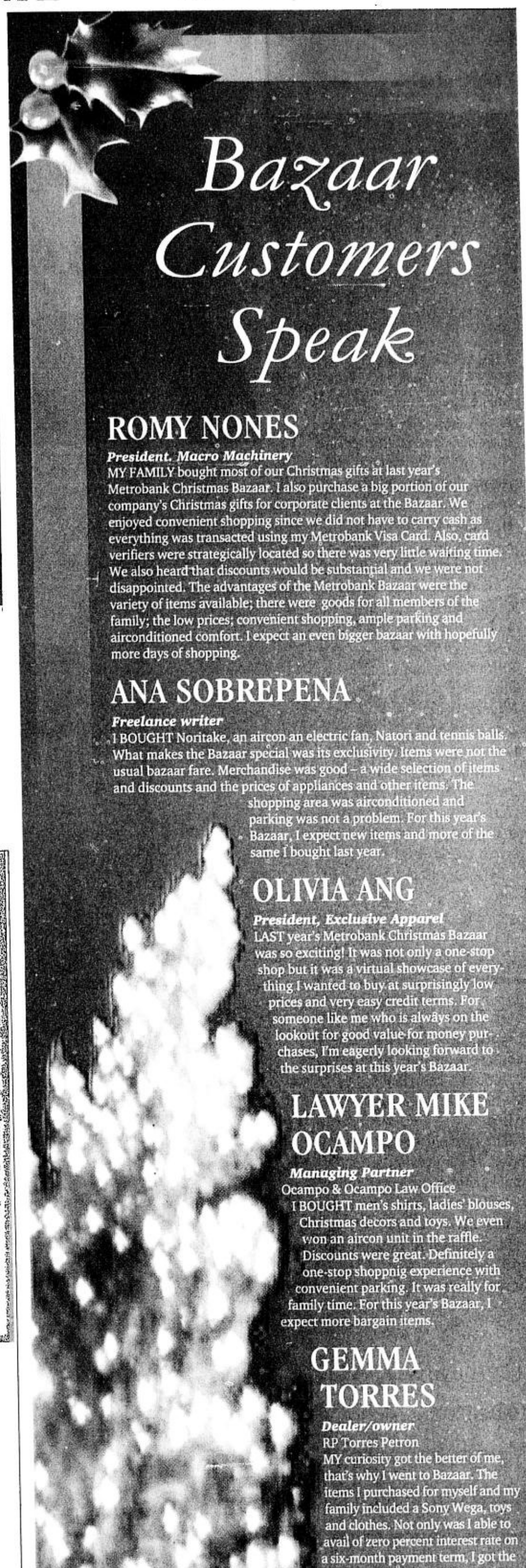

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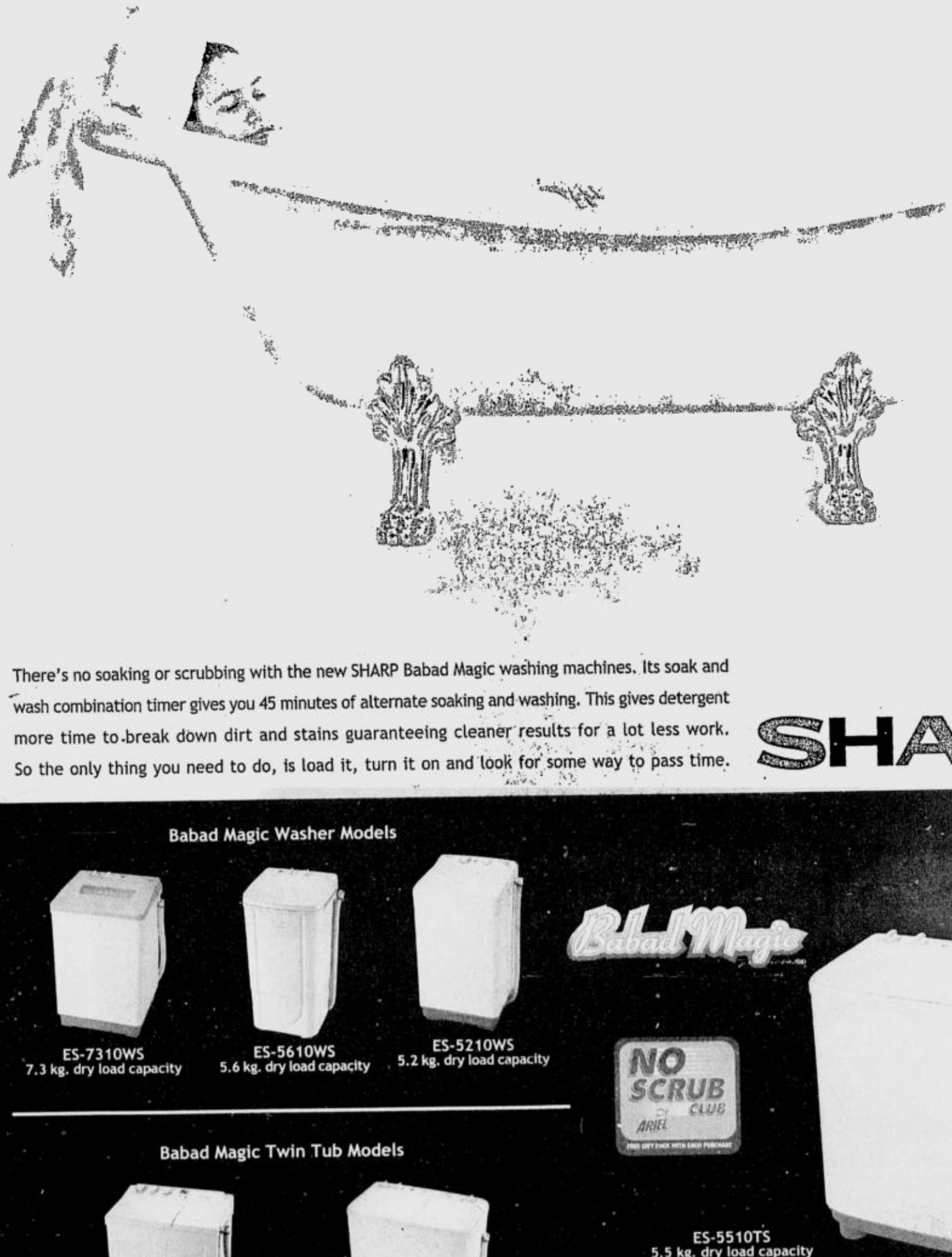

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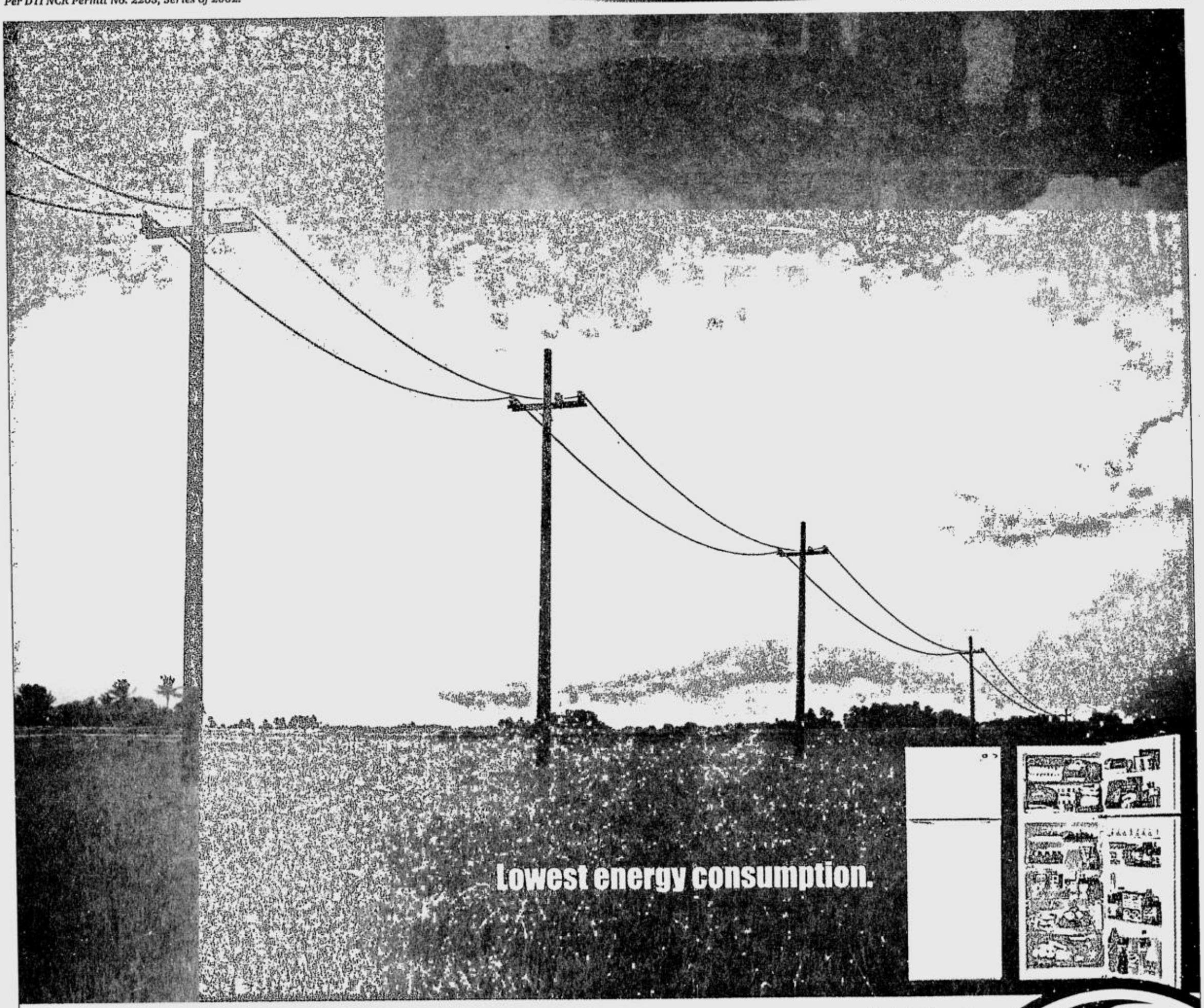

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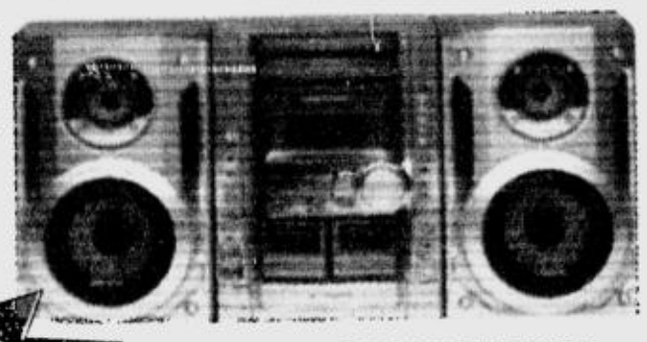

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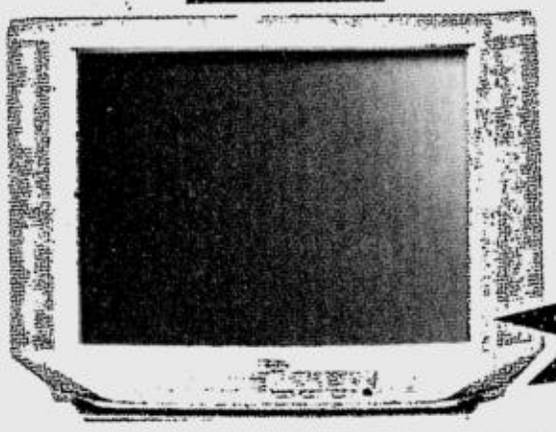
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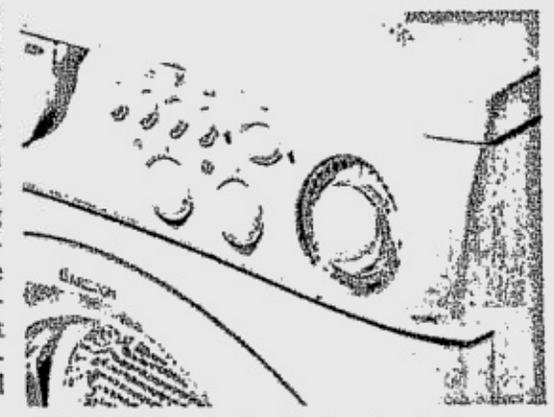

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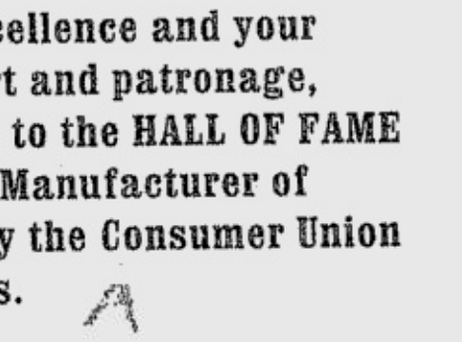

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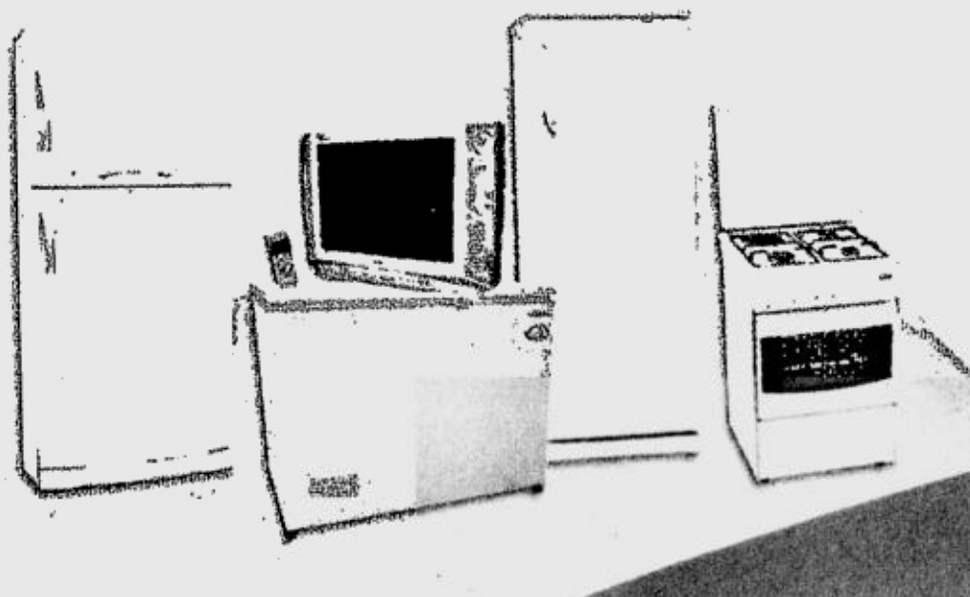

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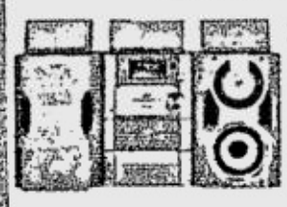
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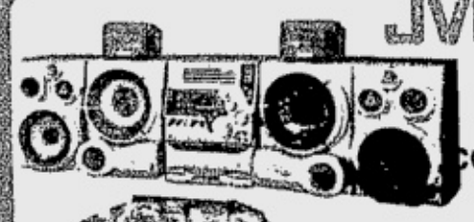
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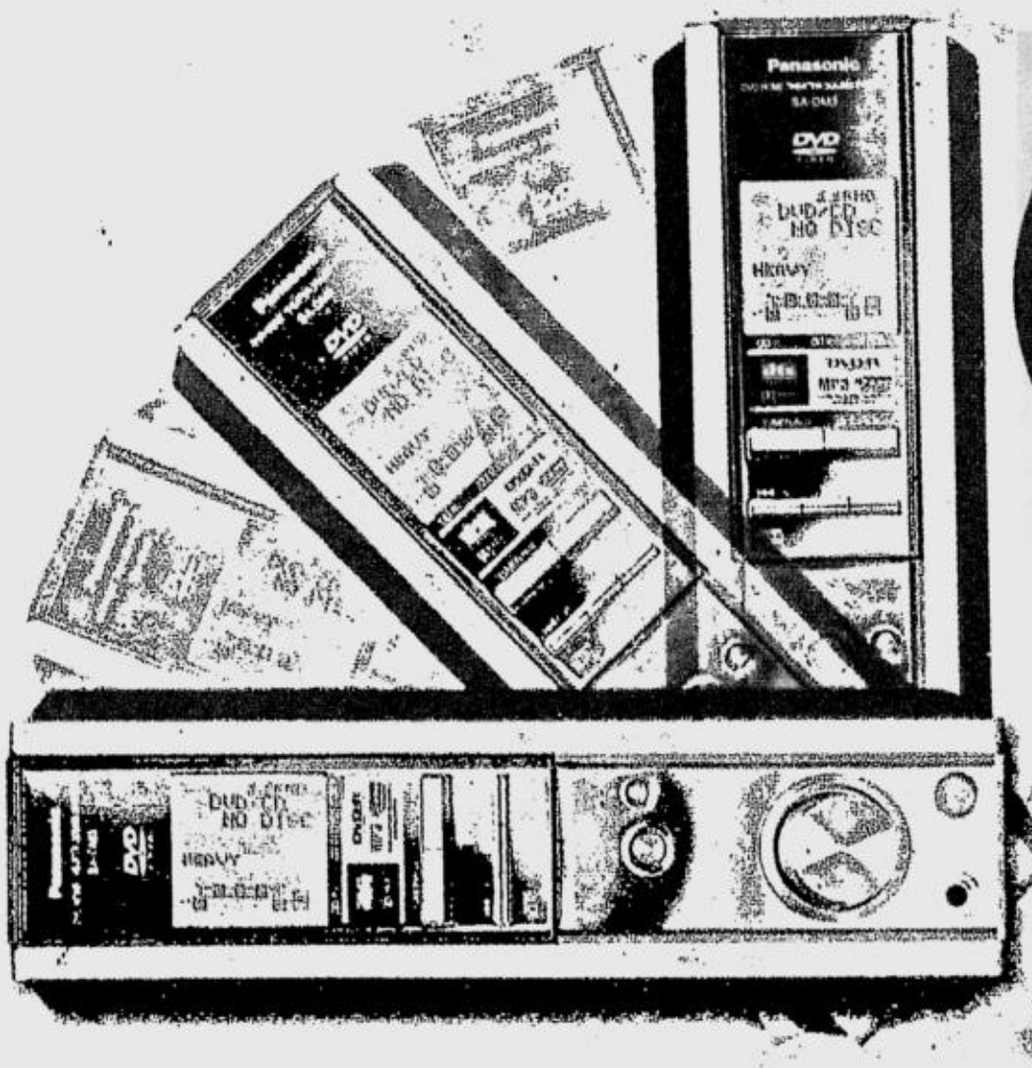

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